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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

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Members of the Registration Committee of the Philadelphia Convention Committee are shown industriously counting local registrations, under the watchful eye of Frances Becker (seated, left rear). Miss Becker is a vice-chairman of the Philadelphia Committee, with special responsibilities for registrations. Photo by John Waddell.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

"HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD. . . ."

It was on May 26, 1927, that Francis Edward Clark, minister of the Gospel and founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, went to his great coronation. Many years later, on September 24, 1945, Harriet A. Clark, wife of Francis Edward Clark, followed her husband in death. Their graves are on a hillside overlooking a beautiful swan lake in a quiet cemetery in Newton, Massachusetts. Their monument carries only the brief descriptions that follow each name here. It is surmounted by a firm, stately cross which carries the CE emblem.

Across the base of the monument is inscribed this from the Scriptures, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Theirs was a life of rich and wonderful experiences, a life of glorious service to their Saviour and Lord—and to all people. And indeed, they abide forever. Their parish was the world. The sons and daughters of their parish number in the millions, and through the instrument of Christian Endeavor those sons and daughters serve in the Church of Jesus Christ today.

Recently the Headquarters staff stood together in prayer on that slope in the Newton cemetery, praying that ever this movement might be in the center of God's Will. May that be the prayer of each of us as we remember the anniversary of the death of the founder of this pioneer youth movement.

AND CHANGE DOES COME!

In a few short weeks many of us will be in Philadelphia for our 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention. Coupled with the convention will be important meetings of official bodies of the International Society, the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the Corporation. At the end of the convention Dr. Earle W. Gates, our dedicated and consecrated president of these past four years, moves from that high office and passes those responsibilities to another. It was in 1955 at Columbus that Earle Gates responded to the call to lead this movement in North America as its president. The Bylaws of the International Society do not permit him to succeed himself again after the meetings in Philadelphia.

Earle Gates has continued in the train of illustrious presidents, begun with Francis E. Clark, and continued with Daniel A. Poling and later with Ernest R. Bryan. Earle Gates' leadership has been good for us and we thank God for his life and witness and leadership.

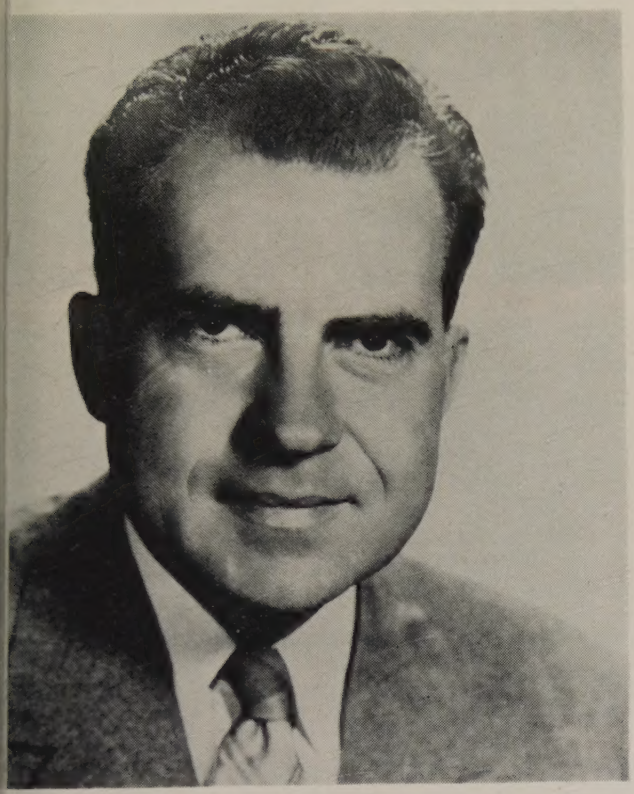
In Philadelphia, during the convention days, there will be a Recognition Dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Gates. Many of you will be there, personally to say your word of thanks. Others of you will want to send a word of greeting. All will join in a testimony of our thanks for a generous, unstinting devotion to this cause which means so much to so many.

ABOUT YOUR WILL.

If you've not made provision to continue your Christian witness beyond your death, you will want to consult your lawyer about a Christian will. Write to the General Secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor for information about including Christian Endeavor in your will. Be sure that your wishes are carried out—through a Christian will.

Harold Westerhoff

Philadelphia - July 6-11



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR will honor Richard M. Nixon, Vice-President of the United States, at the 45th International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation will be presented to Mr. Nixon at the final session Saturday evening, July 11. Vice-President Nixon served both as president and as pianist of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Friends Church, East Whittier, California, in 1925. When he spoke at the World's Convention in Washington, D.C., in 1954 he recounted that the first time he got on his feet and talked was before his society. Mr. Nixon will be the eighth recipient of this honor. Those who have previously received it are Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Honorable Herbert Hoover, Honorable Harold E. Stassen, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the late Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, and Congressman Walter H. Judd.

Richard M. Nixon To Receive International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation

4,000 Delegates Expected at 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention — Ontario Leads Unions in Registration Contest

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS are focusing attention on Philadelphia. The City of Brotherly Love will be the scene of the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 6-11.

More than 4,000 youth from all sections of North America are expected to participate in these meetings.

A high light of the sessions will be the closing meeting on Saturday evening when the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, Vice-President of the United States, will be awarded International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation.

The air-conditioned Benjamin Franklin in downtown Philadelphia will be the headquarters hotel; most of the daytime convention activities will center here. Evening mass meetings will be held at spacious Baptist Temple.

Registration Leaders

Ontario Union is out in front in Division A in the registration contest for the convention, with Oregon leading the field in Division B.

Honors for April in the contest went to Michigan in Division A, with a gain of 18% for the month. New York State took second place in this division. April winner for Division B is Minnesota, with an increase of 14.2%. Massachusetts and North Carolina tied for second position.

The registration contest closes June 15. Parade positions will be determined for the unions according to their final standing, as well as award banners and choice convention seats.

Outstanding Program

The program committee headed by Bishop R. W. Rash has prepared for outstanding sessions.

Monday evening the convention will officially open when Dr. Earle W. Gates, president, gives the keynote address. Dr. Harry G. Denman, noted Methodist leader, will speak Tuesday evening. At the Wednesday session Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, will address convention delegates.

Thursday evening brings the unique "floating session" with Dr. Ross H. Stover of Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, speaking and Arch J. McQuilkin serving as master of ceremonies. Rev. Arno Pagel, dynamic president of the German Christian Endeavor Union, speaks Friday evening. At the great closing session Saturday night Dr. Harold John Ockenga of Park Street Church in Boston will challenge the delegates.

There will be Quiet Hour and Bible study periods each morning. Delegates will be divided into four groups with these leaders:

Junior Highs—Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor

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Senior Highs—Rev. George C. Lurwick, minister of St. Luke Methodist Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Young People—Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Christian Endeavor Union

Adult—Dr. Norman W. Paullin, professor of homiletics, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

"School" Each Morning

Each morning there will be the usual "school" of the convention with many fine leaders sharing in the conferences. A total of 37 classes will be offered, including special studies of Christian Endeavor Essentials.

The Youth Assembly will meet daily. Junior leaders will have conferences each day, with a Junior convention planned for Saturday.

Saturday's program also includes the communion service. Dr. Peter Vroom of Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, will serve as minister in charge. He will be assisted by Rev. George L. Blackwell, Dr. Earle W. Gates, and Rev. Arno Pagel.

Honor Citizenship Contest Winners

Honors will be given to the winners of Christian Endeavor's eighth annual Citizenship Contest during the Wednesday evening program.

Patricia G. Sehorn of Astoria, Oregon, and Nancy James of Greensboro, North Carolina, will give portions of their winning "Letters" on the subject, SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP! Patricia was the top winner in the contest in Division A for young people in high school; Nancy took first honors in Division B for those out of high school but under 25 years of age. Both of these winners will come to Philadelphia as guests of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Each will also receive an award of $200.

The presentation of the Albert H. Diebold Awards to contest winners will be made by Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society. A total of $1,000 in cash prizes will be given, plus award emblems and special certificates.

Fellowship Tour

Following the convention many Endeavorers will enjoy a Florida Holiday circle tour sponsored by the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union. The group will be under the competent direction of J. Allen Tucker. Traveling by train and motor coach, Endeavorers will spend seven days in Florida. The party leaves Philadelphia July 12 and returns July 19. For complete details contact Mr. Tucker at 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania.

Christian Witness Parade

The Christian witness parade through the streets of downtown Philadelphia is scheduled to move promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Floats, bands, and many marching units will participate.

The colorful Fairmount Park guards will provide a mounted escort. Parade marshals are being selected and the basis for parade awards is now being finalized. More parade information may be secured by writing to Dr. Melvin M. Forney, 2518 South Lambert Street, Philadelphia 48, Pennsylvania. Dr. Forney and Herbert Gilfoy are heading up the local Parade Committee as co-chairmen.

Photos by Carl Wil

GETTING READY TO WELCOME THOUSANDS of Endeavorers are th members of the Philadelphia Convention Committee, shown as t met April 27 at Baptist Temple with members of the International Soci staff. In the top photo chairmen meeting with Robert C. Ross (th from left, second row), include those having responsibility for mu parade, pulpit supply, Juniors, the prayer room, and the decision ro Chairmen in the center photo who met with Harold E. Westerh (standing) have primary responsibility for badges, meals, finance, h boat ride, tours and transportation, and literature. The lower ph shows those meeting with Phyllis Rike (seated). These chairmen h responsibility for registrations and registration records, program, p and publicity, radio and television, and posters.

hiladelphia Committee Ready and Waiting

ladelphia is ready to serve as host to housands of North American youth who ttend the 45th International Christian avor Convention July 6-11.

n R. Harper and Arch J. McQuilkin eading up the energetic local committee co-chairmen. A score of subcommittees are actively getting things in readiness at delegates may have a comfortable, ant visit in the City of Brotherly Love. cellent arrangements have been made housing delegates in dormitory style accommodations at the Benjamin Franklin l for just $3 a night. Economically-d meals are available at the hotel coffee shop.

r just $35 plus transportation a young on can enjoy the six power-packed convention days. Hotel reservation forms are ided to each registered delegate.

Special Convention Features

ollowing the Monday evening session a n sing will be held at Reyburn Plaza,

Photo by John Waddell

mbers of the Halls Committee busily at work (left to right) Fred Feigel, Judy Young, John kley, chairman, and Kenneth Rowland. Very isfactory arrangements are being made both the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and at Baptist mple.

the shadow of Philadelphia's City Hall. ader will be Edward H. Braun, director music at First Presbyterian Church of ney, Philadelphia.

An unusual opportunity will be given to legates to participate in a series of street etings to be held each noon. These are der the direction of Rev. Thomas Marsh. Talent and testimony time will be a part the Thursday evening "floating session," ith many youth participating. Delegates e urged to bring to Philadelphia any muical instruments, music, etc., which might needed for participation.

Sight-seeing to many places of historical nd religious significance in and near Philaelphia will be arranged each afternoon. elegates will want to visit Independence all, Betsy Ross House, Christ Church and urial Ground, and nearby Valley Forge.

They're Coming to Philadelphia

At least one bus load of Michigan Enavorers is planning to travel to Philadelhia; a bus is also being filled with Alabama outh. Oregon Endeavorers are combining a tour of the east with the International Convention. Many delegations are coming from other areas by train, bus, and car caravans.

New York State Endeavorers have scheduled their annual convention for Thursday, July 9, in Philadelphia, beginning with lunch. The youth selected as "Endeavorer of the Year" for the Empire State will receive an all-expense paid trip to the Philadelphia Convention.

Awards for Pennsylvania Endeavorers

Youth in Philadelphia and throughout Pennsylvania are working for special registration awards. For securing $25 in registrations a subscription to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD is received; for $50, a Christian Endeavor pin; for $75, a Christian Endeavor jacket; and for $100 a free dormitory bed. Frances Becker, who is in charge of the registration efforts in Pennsylvania, reports that a number have already qualified for the top award.

Colorful Advisory Group

The Advisory Group of the Philadelphia Convention Committee includes outstanding Christian leaders from many walks of life. Among them are the following former presidents of the Philadelphia Union: Alfred W. Bowman, president of Schneider & Bowman, Philadelphia foundry; Dr. Clarence M. Chain, dentist; Charles S. Drain, secretary-treasurer of Strassheim Printing Company and president of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association; Wilbur H. Hamilton, member of the City Council of Philadelphia; Dr. Ellsworth Jackson, pastor of Market Square Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; Norman Klauder, chairman of the Finance Committee, International Society; Harry G. Kuch, senior partner of H. G. Kuch & Company investment firm; George D. Lowe, director of safety, Atlantic Refining Company; Harry E. Paisley, retired treasurer, Reading Railroad Company; Dr. Gene Stone, former general secretary, International Society; and James M. Zinger, president of Zinger Plaster Company, Philadelphia.

Also included in the group are William M. David, retired senior vice-president, The Pennsylvania Company; Edward J. Griffiths, judge of Common Pleas Court #1, Philadelphia; Harry G. Scott, traffic consultant, Pittsburgh; David Gockley, Philadelphia Council of Churches; Dr. Carl M. Schneider, district superintendent, Evangelical United Brethren Church; and Joseph W. Kiedaisch, trucking and hauling business.

J. Robert Ellis Dr. Clyde W. Meadows

J. Robert Ellis, director of the Philadelphia Convention Chorus, confidently reports a total of more than 100 singers expected for each evening appearance. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society, is shown as he gave a closing challenge at the April 27 meeting of Philadelphia Endeavorers with the local committee.

Fourth of July Celebration

This year's July 4th celebration in Philadelphia offers many special attractions for delegates who arrive early for the convention. The new United States flag with 49 stars will be flown officially for the first time on July 4 during special ceremonies at Independence Hall at 11:00 A.M. One of the famed Mummer string bands will appear and there will be a colorful pageant of flags. Speaker will be Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska. That evening there will be a tremendous fireworks display and other entertainment on the Mall.

Here's My Registration for Philadelphia!

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

(Please print or type)

Please register me for Philadelphia 1959. I enclose $4 (after June 30, 1959, fee is $5).

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss _____
(Circle proper title)

Street & No. _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Church _____
(Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____ Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship.

Local Union _____

State Union _____

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is _____

Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

Registration secured by _____

President Gates ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

1. *What is the best verse in the Bible?*

   There are many, many favorites. According to the person and the need this must be determined. Some of the choicest are: John 3:16; Philippians 4:13; Proverbs 3:6; Romans 12:1; Psalm 23:1; Matthew 28:19,20.

2. *How can we add more members to our society?*

   Take a census of youth in church and community. Plan a systematic campaign to win them. Prepare worthy meetings. Keep Lookout Committee active.

3. *What do you recommend for society summer activity?*

   Continue to meet. Some groups meet on alternate Sundays, some have a special "Summer Schedule" of outdoor meetings with guest speakers, others have a series of meetings at campfire or beach. Some elect a special summer group of officers and committees to plan outstanding activities. Keep on the job with a program that will honor our Lord and maintain contact with Endeavorers. Satan still works in the summer!

4. *Which is better, a civil marriage or a church ceremony?*

   While marriage is a legal contract, possible by a civil ceremony, it is preeminently a permanent spiritual experience. Assuredly it should be sanctified by a Christian ceremony.

5. *What is the "Love Chapter" in the Bible?*

   I Corinthians 13. Although it uses the older word "charity," the meaning as we understand it is "Christian love." Herein is given a penetrating statement of the necessity of love, a challenging defense of love, and the lasting importance of love.

6. *I wish to become a missionary. What steps do I take to begin preparation?*

   First, consult your pastor. You can secure information regarding fields and preparation from your denomination, from colleges, Bible schools, and many independent organizations. Pray for God's guidance, plan adequate education, and ever keep your vision before you.

7. *What is the most important part of the Christian Endeavor Pledge?*

   The opening words, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength—" (The Scottish Union and others say, "Relying on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and trusting in God for strength—."

8. *Are interracial marriages justified?*

   In our present culture this seems neither justified nor usually desirable to either race. The requirement of equal opportunity for all races does not necessarily imply marriage. The offspring must be first considered; too often they pay the price for parental immaturity or error.

9. *Is kissing improper for young people who are not engaged?*

   It must be remembered that a kiss is a token of sincere affection, and not to be toyed with lightly. Weigh well the circumstances and the consequences. Don't cheapen your kisses.

10. *Why do we worship on Sunday when the Bible says to worship on the seventh day?*

    Worship on "the first day of the week," or the Lord's Day, was established to honor Christ and the Resurrection which occured on that day.

Program Guide Writers

James Humphreys

Rev. Walter Schae

Material for the Junior High packet of t 1959-60 Program Guides has been prepar by James Humphreys of Erie, Pennsylvan a sophomore at Swarthmore College a chairman of the Youth Assembly of t International Society. Writer of the pack for Senior-Young People is Rev. Walt Schaeffer, minister of the Presbyteri Church of East Bethany, New York, and former field secretary of the New York Sta Union.

The 1959-60 Program Guides will appe in a new, improved format, a packet sty entirely different from former guide

OFFICIAL NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING of the International Society of Christian Endeavor

The annual meeting of the Corporation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 8, 1959, in the Washington Room, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Ninth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There will be election of officers and regular business will be transacted.

The Executive Committee will propose that the Bylaws be changed as follows:

a. That Article IV, Section 1, Officers (the first sentence of Paragraph 1) be amended to read: The officers of the Corporation shall be a President; not more than six Vice-Presidents, serving in two classes of three each (effective as of the election of 1959 and each subsequent election); a Treasurer; and a Clerk.

b. That Article IV, Section 1, Officers (Paragraph 3) be amended to read: The President and the six Vice-Presidents shall not serve more than two terms in succession (effective as of the election of 1963 and each subsequent election).

c. That Article IV, Section 6, Vacancies be amended to add: In the case of death or vacancy in the office of President the Executive Committee, in a special meeting to be convened by the Clerk, with due notice to the members of the Executive Committee, shall by ballot elect a successor to perform the duties of the President and to serve as President until the annual meeting of the Corporation when elections are to be held.

d. That Article V, Section 2, Vice-Presidents be amended to read: The Vice-Presidents shall perform all the duties incident to that office. In the absence or inability of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President.

All annual, sustaining, supporting, and life members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor are voting members of the Corporation. This meeting is being held in connection with the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention which will convene July 6-11, 1959, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Earle W. Gates — President

Hurd E. Nesbitt — Clerk

May 25, 1959
Columbus, Ohio

Christ Is Sufficient

eclares Paul, in stern teachings to the Galatians

ith Young Adults

y Bert H. Davis

N three visits during his missionary tours, Paul firmly planted the Gospel of Christ d the saving power of His Cross in Gala-. His converts there were, for midland ia Minor, a strange people. Their ancesrs had fought their way eastward from rthern Italy or Southern France; they ere Gauls or Celts by origin. The Galans of Paul's time seem to have been vigous, perhaps quarrelsome, lovers of freem. The Christian faith made a strong peal to them.

But it would seem that about 52 A.D. oubts arose among this volatile flock. The ostle learned that his Galatians were eeding advice, perhaps relayed from Jerulem, that they "play safe" by accepting ewish law and customs as well as Chrisan grace. Had not Jesus Himself conrmed to Jewish law? Who was Paul, who d never been in Jesus' band of disciples, lead them outside Jewish law and the d covenant? Why depend on one man's achings of God's grace and salvation? With one's eternal life at stake, it would e prudent to pay heed to the Jewish rites nd disciplines, including circumcision, to ake salvation certain. Also this would be n act of brotherhood, for those Jews who ere Christian converts had once conformed the old Law of Moses.

WRITING, according to Galatians 1:1, as Christ's appointed apostle, Paul takes ains to show why he is authorized to teach he Gospel of freedom, grace and salvation. He formerly adhered to "the Jews' religion" nd led in persecuting "the church of God." But Christ was revealed to him, he became Christ's servant and messenger, he gave long preparation toward perfecting his faith and ministry. The "pillars" of the Christian flock at Jerusalem approved his apostleship (Galatians 2:9). The Galatians can trust Paul; he is teaching the truths of God in Christ.

How did the Holy Spirit come to you Galatians, Paul asks; by the confident faith you accepted or by adopting the law and practices handed down by the Jews? Abraham, father of the Jewish people, was loved and trusted by God. "They which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham" (3:9) and Christ, spiritual offspring of Abraham, restores man to direct communion with God and full reliance on the Father's forgiveness and grace. The law has been satisfied by Jesus' death on the cross—and "the just" (he who seeks righteousness) "shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11, quoted from Habakkuk 2:4).

Galatians is an "epistle to Protestants" in more ways than one. Paul's teaching here is that the sincere believer receives the Holy Spirit and becomes a true child of God without rites, ceremonies, disciplines administered by man, or intervention by a priesthood. "The just shall live by faith" is the Reformation's cornerstone. But the *example* of Paul goes even beyond what he writes: Purity of the faith is a life-and-death matter to him. False principles in matters of faith must be exposed. Obey God as revealed in Christ (John 6:37-40,47; 8:12; 10:27-30; 14:1,6,7), and no other measures to earn pardon and redemption are necessary. Accept no bondage established by men but "stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatians 5:1)!

The use of the liberty with which Christ endows us is taught in the fifth and sixth chapters of this Epistle. "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (6:9).

Again the Cross has been planted—and magnified—in the valleys of Galatia (6:14), not for the glory of men but for their deliverance and perfection.

And the Cross, symbolizing the sacrifice for sin made once and for all time, is a denial of anything man might do by ceremonies, fasts, the routines of penance, or prayers to the saints to free himself from sin. The Christian will be penitent, but in his own way he will seek God's pardon and try to remedy the wrongs he has done to other men. By his own will, guided by the indwelling Spirit, man will seek to put aside materialism and self-seeking. To show forth his faith, man will "not be weary in well-doing" and he will bear the burdens of others and help them to find Christ, their Redeemer.

Do the Gospels support Paul when he refers with such respect to Abraham as a true child of God? See John 8:33-40. (Also read Paul's further references to the pure faith of Abraham in Romans 4. The Epistle to the Romans in fact expands several of the teachings found in Galatians.)

Would Paul lead us away from such Christian sacraments, or ordinances, or observances, as the Lord's Supper and Christian baptism? No, because these two forms or symbols of faith were given through Jesus' example. Read I Corinthians 11:23-29; 10:16-21; Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:26-29; Colossians 2:12; also I Corinthians 1:10-17.

Was Moses the law-giver false to God? No, for note Galatians 3:21-26; Hebrews 3:1-6; Romans 9:31,32.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1959 Society Roll Call.

Unions or societies listed below contributed during the months of March and April. Those receiving red seals have given $30 and those securing blue seals have given $15.

Red Seal

Intermediate, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania

Blue Seal

Marin County Alumni, San Rafael, California
Adelphic, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado
College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
Hopedale Union Evangelical Church, Hopedale, Massachusetts
Intermediate, Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Junior, Calvary United Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, Woodland, Michigan
Junior, Griggstown Reformed Church, Princeton, New Jersey
Junior, First Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
Young People's, Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Mt. Ephraim Christian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior, Talmage Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Grove Presbyterian Church, West Grove, Pennsylvania
West Side Union, Luzerne County, West Pittston, Pennsylvania
Adult and Young People's, First Evangelical Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia

COMING EVENTS

For Your Prayer Calendar

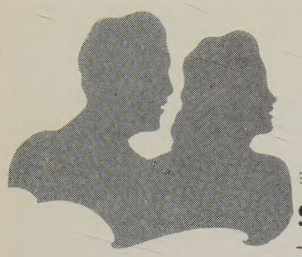
Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences which will be held in the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

JULY
5-12—Washington State, Lake Retreat (Leadership Conference)
6-11—45th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AUGUST
1-8—Ontario, Chesley Lake (Summer Conference)
8-15—New York, Lake Canandaigua (Summer Conference)
10-14—Virginia, Bridgewater
27-29—Indiana, Indianapolis
30-September 5—Oregon, Camp Adams (Leadership Training Conference)
31-September 7—Missouri, Troy (Summer Conference)

SEPTEMBER
18-20—Wisconsin, Green Lake
25-27—Maryland, Colora

OCTOBER
2-3 —New Jersey, Pluckemin
9-11—Great Lakes Region
10-12—Ontario, Fort Erie
30-November 1—Southern Region, Montreat, North Carolina



Power to Rule

No. 1 of a Series: "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles"

Mark 4:35-41

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JULY*

*Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart**

Considerations for the Leader

This is the first of a series of three topics in the unit of study, "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles." Your topic, "Power to Rule," deals with our Lord Jesus Christ who had power over the elements of nature in the calming of a mighty storm which greatly disturbed the disciples who were sailing the waters with Him.

Begin with your meeting room. Go on a search for some pictures that you can put on display, perhaps scotch-taping them to the walls. Look for such pictures as the sinking of the Titanic or some other ship in distress at sea; one dealing with planets and their satellites; another setting forth Jesus Christ as the miracle worker. Don't forget to find one showing an open Bible. Keep in mind your topic deals with power. Don't forget jet flying and the moving in of new power in Cuba. Wrestle with these ideas and see what you can develop.

Publicity

For something novel, try this. Secure a basin of water and place in it some wooden sailing ships. Reduce a shoe box until you can pour about two inches of sand in it and place on the sand some modern model planes. Close by place a paper rocket pasted on cardboard, ready for flight into space. Place in the same area a poster card invitation, "Come tonight. You will hear about power." Of course, you will mention the time and place of the meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."
Duet: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Scripture: Mark 4:35-41
Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Prayer (voluntary sentence prayers)
Announcements and Offering
Special Instrumental Music
Leader's Talk
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Speakers
Our Aim and Life Problem
Questions and Discussion
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

How would you like to take an afternoon off and count 17 million dollars in pennies? If you could claim it as your own, you might be willing to do the counting. Before you get lost with this idea, you should know that this amount will be a part of the government's spending plans for a space program that will include a half-dozen rocket shots into outer space and launching of an inflatable communications satellite twice the width of a basketball court. These are among the 105 million dollars of projected 1959 spending for which contract awards were announced by the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). Included in this year's spending plans is 17 million dollars earmarked for equipment for eventual manned space flight. Yes, you're right—money, power, things. To get into space and out of it demands *power!*

Do you have a red pencil? Mark down this date—August 6, 1945. For on that date, for weal or woe, we entered a new age. Nuclear fission had finally been achieved. Man at long last had unlocked the secret of "the basic power of the universe." The atom had been split, and in the splitting had unleashed powers hitherto undreamed of—the Atomic Age had arrived!

We know that Jesus Christ manifested great power. Check the Scripture lesson and you will see Jesus exercising power over the elements of nature in stilling the storm. Behold the power of the wind! See its destructive force. Force is strength, might, power. Again, you see the power of fear. Fear is terror, fright, alarm—and it can hold a person in its powerful grip.

A well-known philosopher has written, "Every man would like to be God if it were possible; and some few find it difficult to admit the impossibility." Alfred the Great said, "Power is never a good unless he is good that has it." You can't take power and place it in your safe deposit box to use it at will. It may be used wisely or wickedly or just plain foolishly; but use it you must. History will prove that power intoxicates a man. It is also true that a man can be intoxicated with alcohol, but he can recover. When a man is intoxicated with power he seldom recovers.

For extra participation have the following assigned:

1. We can have power with God and with man (Genesis 32:28)
2. God is our strength and pow (Psalm 62:11; II Samuel 22:33)
3. The Spirit of God giveth pow (Micah 3:8; Acts 1.8)
4. Jesus Christ has power to forg sins (Matthew 9:6)
5. Jesus Christ has all power in hea en and earth (Matthew 28:18)
6. Jesus Christ gives power to the that receive Him (John 1:12)
7. The Gospel is the power of Go unto salvation (Romans 1:16)

Just as the atom holds within itself th "basic power of the universe" so does th soul—your soul and mine—hold within i self undreamed of energies and talents an powers. The fission of the "personali atom" accomplished by the beaming God's Holy Spirit upon it can let loose u explored and unusual strength the wor so badly needs.

A traveler in an outlying community wa being shown the small but beautiful churc erected at a cost of much time and sacrifi on the part of the people. He expresse amazement that it should be so beautiful and completely equipped with electr lights, as he had not known that electrici was available in the district. "It loo beautiful," he was informed, "but we ha no connection with the power." Why useless when God wants you to be usefu There is power available for you. Tap th source of permanent supply.

1st Speaker

The resources of the Church will be mu tiplied in proportion as the Church enjo the presence and power of the Holy Spir

2nd Speaker

Andrew Murray said, "We want to g possession of the power and use it; Go wants the power to get possession of u and use us."

3rd Speaker

Is spiritual power what we want? A we fit to be used, willing to be used, to h used anywhere, to be apparently unuse to be nothing, that Christ may be all in al The possession of power is a great respon sibility.

Our Aim

To be a vessel truly sanctified and com pletely set apart for the Master's use, havin power with God and over the souls of men

Life Problem

Theodore was an intellectual. He boaste about his eloquence. He believed that eld quence consisted of a power to rattle o vowels and consonants together and mak language ring like a tinkling cymbal. H did not know that eloquence was logic s on fire by God. Words cannot regenerat a soul. What great lesson did Theodor have to learn?

The Project

Have a group study of Acts, chapters on and two, until you come to grips with faith that will be unwavering, courageous and conquering. Then with clear vision tak hold of the need within your church an get busy for God.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. What was it that changed the disciples from timid men to men of unusual power and boldness? (Acts 4:13,29,31)
2. Do you think our present-day helplessness and lack of spiritual power and grace is due to a failure on our part to fully comprehend Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." What reasons have you to believe there is such a lack of spiritual power?
3. Would a Christian person go forth to be a witness for Christ without the consciousness of spiritual power in his life? (Acts 1:8) Would you say there is a scarcity of real witnessing today?
4. Are we humble enough to confess that we feel this want of power in our lives and wise enough to move out of our sluggish state into the rich source of God's available power? How do we do it?
5. Can we whip ourselves into a state of power?
6. What does our society have to offer to people who want newness of life and strength; who want to be spiritually equipped to do the Master's bidding? Do we have anything to spare?

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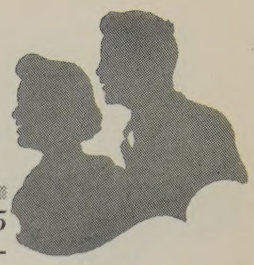
Power to Rule

No. 1 in a Series: "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles"

Mark 4:35-41



nior High (12-14 Years) *JULY 5*

*Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong**

nologue

'o introduce this topic have someone who very good reader give this monologue. it is seriously and effectively done, it can a powerful introduction to this topic.

am Bartholomew. Perhaps, you have er heard of me. Let me introduce my- . I am one of the twelve—the disciples, is. I am sure you know some of the ers in our group better, such as John, beloved disciple, or Peter, the bold, or omas, the doubter, or even Judas, who rayed our Lord. Yet, I am one of the lve.

would like to tell you of an incident t happened to us recently on the Lake Galilee. Have you ever fished there? hen the lake is calm there is no more nderful place in all Palestine. There are es, however, when suddenly the winds gin to blow and that lake is very treach- us.

t happened one day that we were all out the lake. Jesus was with us, too. It had n an exhausting day, and Jesus was eping in the back of the ship.

ames and John, who had been fishers all ir life, said the sky looked threatening en we boarded the ship, but the sky had en dark before and we paid little atten- n. As we sailed along, however, the sky came darker and darker. Huge black uds scudded across the sky, the sky was lden from view, and soon the wind began blow in great gusts. The sea grew gher and rougher. Our fishermen made ny attempts to trim the sails and steer e ship. However, the storm worsened.

I was watching Peter, who never seemed be afraid of anything. I observed that face grew more and more anxious. ater came pouring into the boat with each w wave, and those of us who were bail- g out the water could not keep ahead it.

At first a few suggested awakening Jesus, t John and Peter opposed it. Soon, how- er, it seemed evident that the ship was st. Rather than have everyone and every- ing sink to the bottom, Peter shook Jesus d said, "How can you lie asleep. Don't u care that we are perishing?"

Jesus, who had been sleeping calmly, ose and sized up the situation at a glance. e wondered what He would do or what lvice He would give. Then in a calm but thoritative voice He said, "Peace, be still!"

Can you imagine our amazement when, st as suddenly as it had come, the storm as gone. There was a great calm. I am re it is hard for you to believe, but just sure as my name is Bartholomew, it's ue.

Some of us who were grouped in the ont of the ship said, "What manner of an is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" You know, to be honest with you, I believe He is the *Son of God.*

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What Manner of Man?

This is a question which all of us will have to answer at some time or other. There were those in Jesus' day who considered Him to be a devil. There were others who thought He was a prophet, or John the Baptist come alive again, or Elijah.

There are those in 1959 who believe Him to be a great moral leader, a noble example, and an excellent teacher. What do you think? The purpose of this topic is to help us understand the Lord Jesus better and see Him as He really is.

The Power of God

In order to understand who Jesus really is we want to consider, first of all, the glorious power of God.

Have someone read Psalm 148:6-12 and Proverbs 30:4-6. These passages tell us that God is almighty. He rules over all the elements of the created earth and over all creatures.

The selection from Proverbs is very picturesque. He holds the winds in His fist! The waters are bound in a garment! So far and no further. He establishes the ends of the earth.

The Bible says of God, "Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee" (I Kings 8:27). God is not bound in His power. He rules over all created things, beings, and humans.

Jesus' Power Over Nature

We have just observed that God has power over all His creation. Jesus also has such power. At the beginning of this topic reference was made to Jesus' power over the elements (Mark 4:35-41). There are many such miracles recorded in Scripture.

Have someone read Matthew 21:19. Here is another illustration of the power of Jesus over nature. This miracle is hard to understand. Rather than try to understand what Jesus was trying to teach, accept it as an indication of His great power.

Jesus' Power Over Disease

Matthew 8:5-13 is an illustration of Jesus' power over disease. This again can be multiplied a hundred fold in the pages of the New Testament. Many blind could see, many deaf hear, the lame could walk and all manner of disease was healed.

Jesus' Power Over Death

There are three illustrations of this fact in the New Testament. John 11:38-44 is the illustration of this truth in the life of Lazarus. We need not doubt that this miracle was genuine. You can be sure that the henchmen of the scribes and Pharisees checked the authenticity of this miracle. No one has ever had such power as this.

The Meaning of Miracles

In trying to summarize all these things that have been discussed, it is good to ask the meaning of the word "miracle." Webster defines miracle as "an event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws."

This is a good definition. Many people in the past, and today deny the miracles of the Bible because they cannot understand them. Note that they *apparently* contradict.

The dictionary speaks of *known* scientific laws. The modern inventions of radio, electricity, telephone, television, nuclear weapons, etc., ought to convince us all that we have only a tiny understanding of our wonderful world.

If we believe that God created the world, why should it be hard to believe that He can sustain it and work wonders in it? He does not go contrary to Himself. He simply applies His laws in new and wonderful ways. Yes, we believe in miracles today!

Jesus Today

Do you believe that Jesus, who performed these wonderful miracles when He was on earth, still performs miracles today? I believe He does.

Today there are miracles in nature and miracles of healing. Perhaps the topic leader at this point would like to pause and have a discussion on the miracles and let members tell of modern miracles they have known.

The Power to Judge

Jesus is still to come in great power. Read John 5:25-27 for an account of this last and great miracle. He is coming to judge all the earth and to reign eternally in great power.

Personal Meaning

What does this all mean to us? It means that the glorious power of Jesus is readily available to all who love Him and trust Him. He will give your life real meaning. His power is ready to help you in every need.

Read Hebrews 2:18; 4:15. Trust Him!

Suggested Hymns

Such hymns as *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Give of Your Best to the Master, Great Is Thy Faithfulness,* and *I Need Jesus* would be appropriate.

F orsaking	P reaching
A all	O nly Christ
I	W ins souls for
T ake	E eternal
H im	R eward

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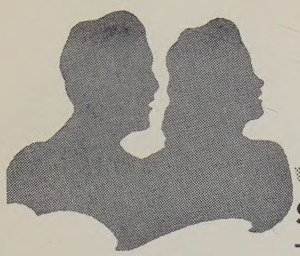

Power to Forgive

No. 2 in a Series: "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles"

Mark 2:1-12

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JULY*

*Comments by Rev. Robert Hess**

Aims

Show Christ's compassions for illness.
Note that sin-sickness needs remedy.
See how forgiven lives glorify God.

Advertising

Make a facsimile of a flat-roofed oriental house on poster, with broken roof and man on cot being let down into the crowd. Write "Power to Forgive" and "Come to Christian Endeavor at 6:30."

For announcement during Sunday school ask the question, "Does Christ have the power to forgive sin today? Come to Christian Endeavor tonight and support (name of leader) in this important topic."

Be sure to get the topic and leader's name to the church office early in the week so it can be included in the bulletin.

Guidance for the Leader

As you prepare the meeting look up the parallel passages in Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 5:18-26. Note also that in the daily readings for the week forgiveness is the theme, based upon faith.

Consult with your pastor regarding the subject of healing today. You will find he has a sympathetic understanding and will be a source for books or pamphlets. Better yet, ask him to summarize your meeting.

Use a Bible commentary on the verses of the text to understand their full meaning. Make notes of your findings to use in the meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service (the leader, sponsor, program committee chairman, and all participants in the program should enter this sacred time; as sentence prayers are given around the circle each heart will be in tune with the Saviour's guidance)

Piano Prelude: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (During this time a blackboard can be placed at the front with the program outline, or else mimeographed programs can be handed to each one as members enter and are seated by the ushers)

Petitioning God (Invocation)

Profitable Singing (song leader and pianist prepared in advance):
The Song of the Soul Set Free
It Is Well With My Soul
It Took a Miracle
Then Jesus Came

Prophetic Utterances (Scripture: Mark 2:1-12)

Prayer Fellowship (choose four to lead out in this time)

Promise in Song (special number)
Program High Lights (announcements)
Presentation of Gifts
Provoking Thoughts (leader's remarks)
Proven Cases (Scriptures on forgiveness)
Proper Application (discussion)
Pastor's Moments

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Period of Heart-Searching
Program Concluded

Leader's Introduction

The basic theme of the Bible is forgiveness. From the days of Adam and Eve until now men have been making choices. Before Christ enters into a life a person is under condemnation for sins both of omission and commission. When the blood atonement of Christ is acted upon by faith, there is forgiveness and a new design for living put into the heart of the believer.

Before we get into the topic let's define a few Bible terms (these can be looked up by several Endeavorers ahead of time):

Sin—what is it?
Sin—what are its results?
Forgiveness—how does God provide it?
Faith—where does it come from?
Faith—how is it exercised?

Explanation of the Text

(Let each point below be a presentation by some young person, unless your group is fond of quick discussion. Let all have their Bibles open.)

Crowd about, 2:1,2. Name some of the reasons the crowd was there, such as curiosity, concern, condemnation, etc.

Getting to Christ, verses 3,4. Name what was involved in getting the man to Christ.

Jesus' response, verse 5. Saw and said.

Sceptics' reasoning, verses 6,7. Why and who.

Son of Man's reply, verses 8-11. Why and arise.

Palsied man's response, verse 12. Two things.

People's response, verse 12. Two things.

Case Studies. Assign these passages to several Endeavorers and have them report on 1) approach to Christ; 2) results of faith; and 3) reaction of crowd.

Sinful Woman—Luke 7:44-50
Adulterous Woman—John 8:3-11
Impotent Man—John 5:1-14
Timid Woman—Luke 8:43-50

Discussion Period

(Leader can introduce this by stating that while many of us have not suffered sickness or have not lived horrid lives, nevertheless sin is a leprous thing and we are living in the midst of the highest crime rate the world has ever known, right in our own age bracket.)

What drew us to Christ? (Testimonies of several of the members appropriate here.)

How can we deal with our sin? (This can be developed in two areas, the way of salvation, and sins of a Christian.)

How long will God let us go on sinning?

How do we break bad habits?

How much influence do others have over our conduct?

What does it take to stand out against the crowd?

How can we meet the sceptics in our school? or shop? or office?

Who is on our prayer list? Discuss how this can be developed.

If one is to win souls, how can he furt[h]
plan for it besides prayer? Bring in me[m]
ory work, visitation, etc.

Conclusion

The pastor or the sponsor or the missio[n]
ary committee should be prepared to p[re]
sent a soul winners' covenant for indiv[i]
uals, and a "borne of four" plan for grou[p]

The soul winners' covenant might re[a]
as follows: "Trusting in the Lord Je[sus]
Christ for strength, I promise Him tha[t I]
will become a soul winner, earnestly see[k]
ing through prayer and personal effort t[o]
bring others to know Jesus Christ
Saviour."

The "borne of four" plan would be
four young people to concentrate their
forts upon one individual during the peri[od]
of a month, and report on results at t[he]
time.

The meeting should not be closed wi[th]
out an opportunity for any present to rece[ive]
Christ as their personal Saviour.

If the meeting is out-of-doors or even[in]
your regular meeting room, a symbol of
cross could be pointed out and the hy[mn]
Beneath the Cross of Jesus, could be u[sed]
for the closing moments of consecration[.]

Further Material

The following poem could create so[me]
basis for discussion.

"The Prodigal Daughter"

Sweet poets have sung of the beauties o[f]
home,
Its comforts, its love, and its joys;
How back to the peace of its shelter[ing]
dome,
It welcomed the prodigal boy.

They pictured a father with pardoning sm[ile]
And glittering robes to unfurl,
But none of the poets have thought it wo[rth]
while,
To sing of the prodigal girl.

The prodigal son can resume his old pl[ace]
As leader of fashion's mad whirl,
With never a hint of the former disgrac[e]
Not so for the prodigal girl.

The girl may come back to the home
has left,
But nothing is ever the same;
The shadow still lingers o'er the dear o[nes]
bereft,
Society scoffs at her name.

Perhaps that is why when the prodigal
Gets lost on life's devious track,
She thinks of the lips that will scornfu[l]
curl,
And hasn't the heart to come back.

Yes, welcome the prodigal son to his pla[ce]
Kill the calf, fill the free-flowing bowl,
But shut not the door in his frail sist[er]
face,
Remember she too has a soul.

From *Log of the Good Ship Gr[ace]*
Hollywood 28, Califor[nia]

Power to Forgive

No. 2 in a Series: "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles"

Mark 2:1-12

nior High (12-14 Years) *JULY 12*

*Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb**

ggested Worship Program

Prayer Service
ude: *An Evening Prayer*
nns: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody; The Stranger by the Sea; Living for Jesus*
ded Prayer Time
nouncements: society activities, welcome f visitors, party plans, next week's topic, rmon subject for the evening, etc.
ering
der's Introduction of Topic
ipture Lesson: Mark 2:1-12; Psalm 03:1-12 (read in unison)
ic Discussion
o: *An Evening Prayer,* or *Nailed to the Cross*
k: The Supreme Example—*Father, Forgive Them*
ntence Prayers
sing Moments
diction: Psalm 19:14

the Leader

This is the second in the series of three ics dealing with the general theme of sus' Power Shown in Miracles." At the y beginning we should realize that Jesus formed His miracles for a very definite rpose—to show that He was the Son of d. Miracles were His *credentials.* They oved that He came from God.

This lesson shows that He not only had wer over the physical, but over the spiritl. The aim of this meeting should be help each Junior High see that he may me to Jesus to have his sins forgiven; at each one of us needs His forgiveness; d that if we expect Christ to forgive us, must be willing to forgive others.

Ask either your adviser or pastor to give e talk, "The Supreme Example—*Father, Forgive Them,*" based on the words of sus on the cross.

sus Taught Forgiveness

The teaching of forgiveness belongs dictly to the Christian religion. The myscal religions of the Orient, such as Buddsm and Brahmanism, teach that what is ast is past, and nothing can be done about Mohammedanism teaches the doctrine retaliation, and even the ancient Jewish lea of justice called for "an eye for an ye, and a tooth for a tooth." It took Jesus teach us about forgiveness. He not only aught us what forgiveness means, but He emonstrated it by His own life many, nany times.

Read Luke 9:51-56. It is so easy to reent personal indignities as the apostles did n this instance. The people in the Samarian village would not entertain Jesus and he apostles because they were Jews, and hey hated the Jews. The apostles would have retaliated, but Jesus rebuked them for having such an attitude. He had neither

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does the fact that Jesus had the power to rule over nature and the power to forgive sins prove? Why did He need these credentials to show that He came from God?
2. Do we really want Christ to take us at our word when we pray, "Forgive us as we forgive"?
3. Is there anything that we should not be willing to forgive (Matthew 5:43,44; Romans 12:14,17,20,21)?
4. Is there anyone who doesn't need to be forgiven of God? (Read Isaiah 53:6 and Romans 3:23.)
5. What does it mean to have our sins forgiven? Does God forget them as well as forgive them? (Read Psalm 103:12 and Hebrews 8:12.)
6. What must we do if we wish our sins to be forgiven? (Read Romans 10:9,10.)
7. What was different about the lives of those whom Jesus forgave after He forgave them?
8. What are we doing to lead other Junior Highs to Christ? What more can we do?

time nor energy for such conduct. He had to save His energy for the more important task of carrying out the will of God.

Read Matthew 5:44. Doctors tell us that anger, jealousy, hatred, etc., poison our bodies and are sometimes the underlying cause of disease. No one can be at his best physically, and certainly not spiritually, when he allows these evils to have a place in his life. They sap the strength and make for unloveliness in character. Jesus had no time for such things. He says, "Do good to them which hate you."

Read Romans 3:23 and Isaiah 53:6. Sometimes Junior Highs feel that because they do not lie, steal, or kill they have not sinned and do not need to seek forgiveness, but God's Word tells us that *all* have sinned. Sin is anything that keeps us from fellowship with God. When our lives are at cross purposes with His will, we sin. Christ is the only One whose will was completely surrendered to the will of God.

Read Matthew 5:38-42. Have you ever been guilty of saying, "That's all right; no one is going to treat *me* like that and get away with it"? When we take this attitude we are pagan and not Christian. Jesus tells us plainly in these verses that we are to be bigger in spirit than to want to retaliate. When we start out to "get even" with someone, we are making ourselves smaller than the person who did us the wrong.

Read Matthew 5:23,24. What do you think these verses mean? Notice that the verse does not say we are to wait for the other person to come to us, but we are to go to him. It takes real Christian humility to be willing to do that. We must be willing to make the first move. We must forgive before we may expect God to forgive us. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He did that, but He did more—He taught them the true Christian attitude of the heart.

Read Psalm 103:12 and Hebrews 8:16,17. Have you ever heard someone say, "I'll forgive, but I cannot forget"? It is said that Percy Crosby, the famous cartoonist, had a small house in his yard called a "Forgettory." It might be a good idea for us to have such a room, in imagination at least, where we can go and prayerfully forgive and forget.

Read Matthew 18:21,22. Peter thought that seven times was enough to forgive anyone, but Jesus startled him by saying seventy times seven which, of course, means always—without limit. It is pretty hard for us to forgive once, and when we have forgiven two or three times, we feel we have done well. How far short does our standard of forgiveness fall in comparison to God's standard?

Scripture Lesson—Mark 2:1-12

Wherever Jesus went, people brought their sick, and crowds gathered around to listen and to watch. In this story the crowd was so great that those carrying the sick man could not get to the door of the house where Jesus was. They were so eager to get through to Jesus, and so sure that He could and would cure their friend, that they lifted the tiles from the flat-roofed oriental house and let the sick man down through the hole in the roof.

Are we as eager to help our friends that they may find spiritual healing which Christ alone can give?

To the Sponsor

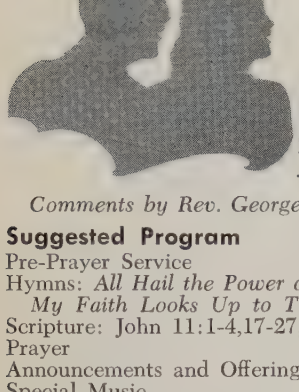
Since one of the cardinal principles of Christian Endeavor is Confession of Christ this might be a good time to have a testimony meeting. Ask the Junior Highs to tell what it means to them to have Jesus forgive their sins. The pre-prayer service should be a time of definite prayer that other boys and girls be won for Christ, and that we be concerned enough to go and bring them to Christ.

To dramatize the fact that when Jesus forgives we are washed as white as snow, that our sins are moved as far as the East is from the West, and that He expects *us* to forgive as we are forgiven, you might prepare slips of paper upon which during the closing moments of the meeting each one is to write some pet peeve which he holds against someone. Papers may be torn up and dropped into a container as Junior Highs leave the room.

Make the most of summer activities. One society had a summer reading contest, one point for each page read. At the end of the summer they held a "Highlights" meeting when short reports were given about the most interesting and helpful books read.

See that your group is well represented at your denominational youth camps and at the Christian Endeavor conferences in your area.

A planning conference in August or early September will help get things off to a good start in the fall.



Power to Save

No. 3 in a Series: "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles"

John 11:1-4,17-27,37-45

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JULY*

*Comments by Rev. George E. Weaver**

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Scripture: John 11:1-4,17-27,37-45
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Presentation of the Topic
Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
Closing Moments and Benediction

A Word for the Leader

Our purpose in this topic is to see the power of God in Christ, a power which is devoted to the saving of life. Before the topic is concluded, each person present should be challenged to decide which power will be the objective of his life—the power of materialism or the power of Christ.

To do this, the topic can be presented as follows: A discussion of man's power and how it is used; a discussion of God's power in life; a discussion of how man responds to God's power; and finally, your concluding remarks with the acrostic on the word "power" showing the characteristics of Jesus' life which enabled God to manifest His power.

Tips for Publicity

The topic has the key word—power. There are many pictures in magazines which show powerful instruments—rockets, powerful engines, nuclear power, etc. Using these to draw attention, briefly indicate the topic which will discuss a power greater than any of these—a power which is devoted to saving and preserving life. This theme can be carried through on posters, in the church bulletin, and on mailing pieces.

Leader's Introduction

When others turned aside from those in pain or hunger, Jesus showed compassion. When others showed weakness in moral or physical courage, Jesus showed strength. Everywhere He went, He demonstrated power over the physical universe and in the lives of men.

In this topic we see a demonstration of His power over man's greatest enemy, death. The prophets had in some instances demonstrated God's power over the physical world, but never had such a demonstration as this been witnessed by men.

The scriptural setting for our topic puts this event at the very end of Jesus' public ministry, within just a few days of His entrance into Jerusalem. Those involved were quiet, simple people from a small village. There was nothing about their lives to mark them as any different from their neighbors and friends *except their friendship with Jesus.* It was this difference which opened their homes, their lives to the power of God.

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FOR DISCUSSION

Contrast the material power of the world which is destructive with the power of God which saves and gives life.

Do you feel that there are some areas of life which young people find disappointing? Can the power of God in Christ answer their disappointment?

How do you feel that Christ would use you and other young people to demonstrate His power today to save others from self-destruction?

Man's Power

Ask someone to speak briefly about two or three powerful things which man has developed. Since rockets are much in the news, perhaps a few facts about how powerful they are can be used to illustrate the tremendous power man has in his hands. But then bring out the fact that man's power is all too often corrupted to bring destruction and sorrow. A very pointed illustration of man's misuse of power is in the field of atomic research. Point out how many blessings have come and could come from this field if so much time and effort were not devoted to making atomic power an instrument of war.

God's Power Demonstrated

Because they were friends of Jesus, the sisters of Lazarus sent for Him when Lazarus became seriously ill.

The reaction of Jesus was very strange. In fact, we couldn't understand it if it were not for His explanation: "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified." This physical tragedy in the home at Bethany was but one of the instances which God would use to His own glory.

Deliberately Jesus waited for two days after receiving the message. When He knew Lazarus to be dead, He asked the disciples to go with Him to Judea. The disciples argued against such a move. They knew of the rising rebellion against Jesus and they feared for His safety.

The attitude of the disciples is summed up in the words of Thomas. He didn't see much ahead but death and failure, so he said, "Let us go and die with Him."

The sisters, Mary and Martha, didn't have much hope either. They were glad to see Jesus when He arrived but their only expression was, "If you had been here, he would not have died." So far as they could see, all hope had ended.

Men could only see tragedy—a friend, a loved one, had died. The coming of Jesus was a noble thing but it could only end in another tragedy as His enemies used the occasion to destroy Him. But in the midst of this sorrow Jesus makes the confident affirmation, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

At the tomb He wept, and He breathed a prayer of confidence that the Father would do what He had already asked. Then before a tomb which smelled with a bo which death had held for four days, H opened the eyes of men to the great savi power of God. Lazarus came from th grave in life. God's power triumphed ov the doubts and sorrow of man; He brough joy to the home at Bethany and glory God.

Man's Response to God's Power

Any type of power cannot be hidden f long. By its very nature, anything whic possesses power attracts certain attentio and responses from men.

The power of Jesus was no different. A every demonstration of His power m made some reaction. Because He had show power to heal, many who were ill came f help. Because He had been able to fe the multitudes, many followed Him unt they discovered His kingdom was not material blessings.

This demonstration of His power al caused certain responses which we mu note.

In the midst of their sorrow, Mary a Martha welcomed Jesus into their hon They could not see what He intended, b they trusted Him. When asked for a co fession of her faith, Martha said, "I belie that thou art the Christ, the Son of God

The crowd of mourners saw the displ of God's power. We read that many of the believed. But there were a few who "we their way." They had seen the power Jesus over even death, but the most co structive thing they could think to do w to go and tell His enemies of it. They h an opportunity to share in that pow through belief but they turned away unbelief.

Leader's Conclusion

Yes, Jesus has power to save in life a in death. To those who are His frien because of faith, He comes as the pow of the resurrection and the life.

But that power can only flow into hear and lives which are opened to Him. Th power of God is revealed in the lives o men today. To that power, we must mak our own response. We can either believ or "go our way."

Note these characteristics in the life o Jesus. They opened His life as a chann for God's power. Jesus was:

P—rayerful
O—bedient
W—atchful
E—arnest
R—ighteous

Add these together and you have a lif of power—of God's power. When they a present in our lives, then Christ will b present in power to save, to forgive our sin to give us eternal life.

The world offers power but the emphas is on self. The power of the world ult mately ends in self-destruction. The powe of God brings life, He gives life as th free gift of His grace. We must take ou choice.

Power to Save

No. 3 in a Series: "Jesus' Power Shown in Miracles"

John 11:1-4,17-27,37-45

nior High (12-14 Years) *JULY 19*

*omments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh**

Our Program

. Have the music committee plan special sical numbers appropriate to the theme; s and songs for at least fifteen minutes.

. Scripture reading.

. Prayer. Let there be a number of rt prayers of praise and thanksgiving for crucified and risen Lord.

. Leader's talk.

. Five minutes of praise or Scripture sages concerning our resurrection.

. Additional topics for discussion:

w may we be sure of eternal life?

w do we know there is a life beyond?

w can we live heaven's life on earth?

w may the Spirit control us more?

w must we die to live?

at duty does Christ's resurrection impose n those who receive it?

. Closing prayer and one verse of an propriate song.

e Poster

Paste on top of a cardboard a beautiful ne of nature clipped from a magazine. derneath draw a cross. Below this print: he message from the Empty Tomb spells OWER." Then give time and place of eting.

e Bethany Friends

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were very ar friends of Jesus. He often came to ir home as a well-loved guest. They had profound faith in Him as the Son of God o had become incarnate to be the Saviour mankind.

The Holy Scriptures nowhere say that he o is a believer in Jesus will find life to one uninterrupted experience of sunine and roses. The truth of this is very early illustrated by the experiences of ese two sisters and their brother. They elieved—they were special friends—and t Lazarus became ill; what is more, he ed.

in Causes Spiritual Death

The fact that you and I are believers in sus does not mean that we are not going be subjected to any of life's unpleasantesses. The truth is that the germ of death in us and becomes active the moment e are born. We have sin in our hearts. Ve live in a world of sin. The general onsequences of sin come upon us.

Faith in Jesus Christ does not even give he assurance that every prayer is going to e answered in the manner in which Christians may think and expect it will be. Martha and Mary believed. When their brother became ill, they lost no time in ending a messenger to Christ. Our Lord was informed, "He whom Thou lovest is sick." But, apparently, Jesus paid no attention to their prayer. We are told, "He tarried awhile." When He came, Lazarus had already died and had been buried.

OUR AIMS

1. To learn more about the power which made the raising of Lazarus possible.
2. To see that we are without hope until Christ comes on the scene.
3. To note how Christ gives us life that conquers spiritual death.

SEEK FURTHER QUESTIONS

1. Why were Mary and Martha distressed over Lazarus' passing?
2. Why did Jesus not hasten to Lazarus' tomb?
3. How did the raising of Lazarus affect the people who knew the family?
4. What effect would Lazarus' return to life have on us if we were his friends?
5. How may we claim the power Jesus offers to His followers?
6. Would miracles like the one studied impress today's people to the point of changing their ways?

"Yes," "No," or "Wait"

Our Lord does not give us any assurance that He is going to answer our prayers in the very manner in which we expect they will be answered, or in which we have pictured to ourselves the answer of God must come. The story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus gives us abundant evidence of that.

Faith in Jesus does give us the assurance that our prayers are not spoken in vain. Martha and Mary sent for Jesus. He heard their prayer. But He provided the answer in His own way and in His own day. It was not the kind of answer which they had expected—the answer was much, much more wonderful and glorious than they had thought it would be.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you do have the absolute assurance that your prayers, spoken in the name of the Lord and addressed to the Triune God, are going to be heard! He will see to that. He will do it in His way.

Faith Assures Ultimate Victory

Jesus did not come when Lazarus was ill—Lazarus died. But Jesus gave proof of His power over death—He brought him back to life again. Jesus Himself died. He was laid into the grave. But He didn't stay there! On the third day He arose again. Our Lord is the conquering, victorious Lord.

When we believe in Jesus, we've got the answer—the final, the complete, the ultimate answer—to the basic and most important problems of life. He is the final and complete answer to the whole problem of sin. If you put your faith in Jesus, then you have the absolute, divine, eternal assurance that your sins have been taken away.

Power to Save

Like Lazarus, Junior Highs are without hope until Christ comes on the scene. He then gives life over spiritual death. In many places the Bible assures that we need never die and therefore the future should hold no fear for those who claim these promises as their own. Only the Christian has this assurance. We are part of the Church that believes in His power to save. Something has held the Church together amid the persecutions of the ages, something has made the Church live and triumph, and a new life has been born into the heart of all true believers. This power never came from an unbroken grave.

Christ's Power Over Death

1. *Lesson of Power.* The last and greatest enemy of life is death. The mightiest of all conquerors is not Alexander, or Caesar, or Napoleon, but death. His throne is in the sepulcher. But his scepter has been broken, for death has been swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. *Lesson of Faith.* We have the historic facts concerning the resurrection, and believe them to be authentic. We see the faith of the disciples grow strong as the Master reveals Himself to them on the other side of the open grave. But in faith we accept Christ as our living Saviour, and a newness of life takes possession of our souls.

3. *Lesson of Immortality.* The resurrection of Christ is a proof of immortality. Centuries ago it was asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Christ gives the answer: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

4. *Lesson of Joy.* Christ came to bring joy to the hearts of men. Now "if Christ be not risen," then is the world lonelier and darker than ever before He came. The glorious Gospel, the glad tidings of great joy as it is proclaimed to the world, gets its mighty announcement of life beyond the grave.

5. *Lesson of Hope.* Christ's triumph enlarges the Christian's hope. Before Christ brought life and immortality to light death was the slayer of men's hopes. No inscription of hope is ever found in other religions, but as Christians we "sorrow not as those that have no hope." Christianity has the stone rolled away, an empty tomb, and an immortal hope.

6. *Lesson of Love.* Life was purchased upon the cross. Christ died in order to procure eternal life for as many as believed. The open grave was preceded by the cross. Christ's victory brings to our attention the fact that "God so loved the world that He gave."

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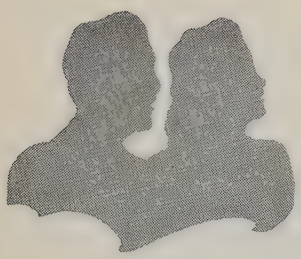

Look What God Has Done!

Psalm 19:1-4; Matthew 6:26,28-30

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JULY 2*

*Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney**

Promoting the Meeting

On these beautiful summer evenings, many societies are holding their worship services out of doors. The meeting this week, if at all possible, should be in the open, amid the restful beauty and inspiring wonder of God's creative handiwork. You might plan an automobile trip to a grassy hillside or an attractive glen. Announce the time of leaving the church but keep secret the destination. Ask the group to bring fruit and sandwiches for lunch.

Plan the meeting both as a worship experience and as a challenge to be more alert to the wonders of God who has revealed Himself in nature. Provide a brief opportunity for quiet meditation and silent prayer after each of the four speakers has presented in his own words the four suggested sub-topics.

Sugested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
Scriptural Roll Call
Scripture: Psalm 19:1-4; Matthew 6:26,28-30
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*
Leader's Introduction
Four Meditations by Four Speakers
Question and Answer Period
Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

This is the vacation season. Many of our members have either returned from or are planning a vacation trip. Some of you may have had rewarding worship experiences on your trip which you may desire to share. The psalmist out of his experience testified: "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

He is thus giving expression to a conviction which ought to be uppermost in our minds as we enjoy the masterpieces of God's creative handiwork at this delightful season when nature unfolds its beauty before us.

God gives us both bread and roses. He provides for us food and beauty. Both are essential to our true happiness. Both come from the wisdom and love of the Creator who has formed the laws of nature for our sustenance and enjoyment.

The Might of Creation

The scientist scans the heavens through the massive eye of the telescope. What does he see? What looks to us as myriads of twinkling stars, he tells us, are worlds upon worlds, each revolving around other worlds as a center. Our earth journeys around the sun and brings in the changing seasons with never-failing seedtime and harvest. The opening verse of the Bible names God as the Creator of it all: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

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AIMS

1. To develop greater appreciation of the wonder and beauty of nature.
2. To see God's hand more clearly in His continued creation.
3. To stimulate greater reverence on vacation trips.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What do you think is the most wonderful thing in all nature? Why?

Which is the most restful of all colors?

Where was your most rewarding vacation worship experience?

Does science develop or destroy faith in God?

What aspects of God are not revealed in nature?

How do you explain "the laws of nature"?

Our solar system is only one of millions of systems. Some stars are two and a half million times as large as the sun. All are driven with incredible speed. Yet never does an accident occur. Man, with his boasted intelligence, cannot drive safely his own car. He bumps into other cars or into telephone poles or fences. Our mathematicians study the speed of these stars. They can tell us when the next eclipse is to be expected and when a certain star will shine with greatest brilliancy. Never are these planets a minute late. What a wonderful God we have who has created and who controls His universe.

God's creative might is revealed also in the way He has knit all His creations into a unity. He covers the barren rocks with fertile soil. In that fertile soil grows life-sustaining grass which animals eat. Mankind is nourished by a combination of animals and vegetables. All life is supported by this mutual exchange of necessary services. Man is the crowning achievement of God's creative wisdom (Genesis 1:26).

The Majesty of the Sky

Take a second look at the heavens to see what God has done. Behold that vast expanse of sky upon which God paints an endless variety of marvelous scenes. You own no deed to the vaulted arches of heaven above you. You are required to pay no taxes. You are not charged rent for the scenes of beauty which you can claim as your own. It is another of God's gifts for our happiness.

The sky is perhaps the most beautiful thing in all nature. It is never the same. Day and night it stands in baffling contrast. Its eastern edge is brightened with soft stimulating sunrises. Its western edge is filled with the glory of the setting sun, adorned at times with brilliant colors. Its vast spaces are filled with clouds which intrigue the imagination and delight the soul. The clouds stretch our mind and exalt our spirits. They impress us with a sense of our littleness. They help us think of God's vastness. With awed heart we exclaim: "O Lord God, Thou are very great."

The Marvel of Color

In God's workshop, the scientist assures us, are manufactured four and a half million colors to adorn nature and delight our eyes. Everything in nature is colored in infinite variety and with exquisite beauty far beyond the skill of a human artist. Even the modest wild flower is gorgeously tinted. All the birds are colored. So are the insects, fishes, animals and reptiles. The entire vegetable creation is painted in brilliant contrasts. So are the rocks and minerals. God has given to each a distinctive garment which can be changed marvelously throughout a life cycle, but only within the limits God has assigned to that particular variety.

Plant five different varieties of vegetables within a single square foot of ground in your back yard. Out of the same soil the carrot, the beet, the onion, the parsnip and the potato extract different colors. How do you explain this permanency of color? Does it not point to a kind Creator who labors to give us a world filled with harmonious beauty? He would please the eye and thereby thrill the soul with happiness. "Of all the gifts to the sight of man, color is the holiest," testified Ruskin.

The Music of Nature

The hymn which opened our meeting tonight reminded us "All nature sings and round us rings, The music of the spheres." If we become very quiet, we will hear in the concert hall of nature a divinely prepared melody arising from many sources. Perhaps, on a nearby elm tree, a little song sparrow may be playing the role of heavenly chorister. Through the tops of the pine trees, like a great aeolian harp, will come the strains of the harmonious winds. Concealed musicians are in the grass and bushes, forming a charming symphony orchestra. Now and then the instruments are subdued while a pleasing solo floats through space. All the time the murmuring brook is humming words too beautiful for human voices to phrase.

Truly, God's concert hall is a melodious place, full of soft sounds for the listening ear. God's musicians are giving concerts more delightful than the finest productions of any Metropolitan grand opera. All is furnished free. It is another expression of God's loving interest in our daily happiness.

Closing Illustration

In one of the darkest hours of the Reformation, Martin Luther was on the point of sinking down in despair. One evening while standing at the open window of his study, he gazed upon a scene of nature which braced him. It was the spectacle of the sky filled with countless twinkling stars dazzling him with their beauty and numbers. He wondered how those shining worlds could be supported in the vast arches of heaven. A sense of God's power came over him. "Certainly," said the great reformer, "a God who can uphold the heavens can and will support His church." Yes, God can and will support you as you trust His power and wisdom.

Jesus --- Our Counselor

Hebrews 4:14-16; Isaiah 9:6

...or High (12-14 Years) *JULY 26*

*Comments by Frances M. Becker**

...Counseling?

...e word "counselor" has become quite ...pular word in our vocabulary these ...s. We have almost as many counselors ...le have days in the year. We hear of ...camp counselor, the school counselor, ...guidance counselor, the social service ...selor, the marriage counselor and some... we even give them different names ...the psychiatrist or the lawyer.

...hy has counseling gained so important ...ace in our society and daily living? ...r answer is simple. So long as people ... problems they are going to make an ...t to solve their problems in the most ...factory manner. So they take their ...blems to someone who gives advice ...h might lead to an acceptable solution.

...o Counsels?

...here are certain characteristics which ...ld be true of any counselor. He should ...e a thorough understanding of the field ...which he is counseling so that his in...nation is accurate. Many years of re...ch, study, and experience are needed to ...pare a person for this position.

...He should be a sympathetic person who ...ens to the people who come to him, ...kes them feel that he is interested in ...r problems, and inspires their confidence. ...He himself should be a person who has ...eloped a sane, sensible approach to day...day living. He needs to be someone who ... tapped a source of strength for his ...sonal life which makes him an example ...l an inspiration to those with whom he ...nes in contact.

...sus, Our Counselor

...Isn't it strange that for over 1,900 years ... have had such a counselor available to ...h of us for every problem that con...nts us and yet so few people have called ...on Him? Far above any human coun...or, He has set for us, by His life, a per...t example of daily living. "Because ...rist also suffered for us, leaving us an ...ample, that ye should follow His steps: ...ho did no sin, neither was guile found in ...is mouth" (I Peter 2:21,22).

...Far above any human counselor, Christ ...cognized the needs of His people and with ...ve for them drew them toward Himself ... sympathy and understanding. In Mat...ew 9:35,36 we read: "And Jesus went ...bout all the cities and villages . . . healing ...very sickness and every disease among the ...eople. But when He saw the multitudes, ...e was moved with compassion on them, ...ecause they fainted, and were scattered ...broad as sheep having no shepherd." In ...Matthew 11:28, Christ says, "Come unto ...Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, ...nd I will give you rest."

Far above any human counselor, Jesus knew that about which He spoke. He spoke as "one having authority" and the people were conscious of the strength and power of God accompanying His words. In the synagogue at Capernaum the people "were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was power" and in John 8:46, the officers said to the chief priests and Pharisees, "Never man spoke like this man."

Furthermore, it is interesting to note that while Christ's life and compassion and knowledge far exceed that of any human counselor, yet His service to all who call upon Him is free. He asks no fee, no financial return, only faith, trust, and obedience to His will.

Counseling isn't new; it has been with us hundreds of years. Even before Christ's birth the Bible predicts that Jesus will be a counselor to His people and even mentions the word. In Isaiah 9:6 we read "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . . and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Christ Counsels His People Today

How? To those of us who believe in Him and trust His power and obey His words, Christ definitely guides and leads and counsels through prayer, through Bible reading and study, and through help from Christian friends.

His direction for your life, His solution for your problems, are available to each of you if you request them in your prayers, search for them in His Word, and accept them as your daily path. But you must ask!

The story is told of a certain silk factory where beautiful materials were woven. The operators of the looms were told to notify the master weaver the minute the threads became tangled so that he might straighten them out before too much damage was done to the cloth. One time, however, a woman who had worked in the factory a long time thought she could untangle the threads herself. When the master weaver came to her, she had made things much worse but she said to him, "I did my best, sir." His answer was, "Remember that doing your best is to send for me."

When things in life get in a tangle and problems arise, doing our best is telling the Master, asking Him to straighten them out for us.

It is much better to have Jesus as our counselor than to depend solely on human counselors. However, human counselors become more effective in their help and guidance of others as they depend on Him. And even young people can become of help to one another for I Timothy 4:12 says, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity."

Christ depends upon each of us to live in such a way that people in trouble, with problems, weighed down by the burdens of the world, might look at us and want to know what we have that makes us different. Then through us Christ can become their counselor and we have fulfilled one of our responsibilities as Christians.

Tips for the Meeting

(Select some of these to see how they work.)

1. Arrange your meeting room like a counselor's office or a clinic.

2. Ask your young people to come to the meeting with one problem which faces young people today written on paper.

3. Invite your minister to the meeting to work with your young people at the end of the meeting in finding an answer to one of the questions raised through using the Bible.

4. Ask your young people to come to the meeting with one illustration of how Christ helped guide their lives or the life of someone they know in time of need.

5. Try an acrostic:

C—hrist
O—ur
U—nspeakable
N—avigator
S—
E—
L—
O—
R—

} You complete it!

6. Use this poem. What does it mean?

He Is Able

The fingers that wove the rainbow into a scarf,
And wrapped it around the shoulders of the dying storm;
The fingers that painted the lily bell
And threw out the planets;
The fingers that were dipped in the mighty sea of eternity
And shaken out over this old planet,
Making the ocean to drop and the rivers to stream—
The same fingers can take hold of these tangled lives
And make them whole again.
For He can make the crooked straight.

Select hymns which relate to the theme, like these: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; I Need Jesus; I Would Be True; Just a Little Talk With Jesus; With Thy Spirit Fill Me.*

Summer Meeting Suggestions

- Outdoor Communion Service
- Week End Retreat
- Galilean Service
- Shut-in Song Fest (the doors and windows of homes will be open in the summertime — a good opportunity to witness!)
- Visit neighboring societies
- Sunrise service and hike

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Jesus' Abiding Joy

No. 1 in a Series: "A Look at Joy"

John 15:11; 16:24

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *AUGUST*

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

To the Leader

The Topics Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor has given us two topics dealing with "Joy." The topic before us states in simple words that Jesus Christ had abiding joy. Next week's topic deals with the child of God and unfolds to us that we who follow the Lord Jesus Christ ought to be joyous Christians, individuals who radiate joy, for joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Ask your pastor for the use of his concordance and look up the word "joy" and see all of its uses in Scripture.

Interview about five people in an attempt to discover what makes a joyous Christian and whether circumstances of life can mar this joy.

Publicity

Check some leading magazines for the things that people say give them great joy and happiness. You will find cars, vacation spots, investing of money for retirement, and many other things. Cut these out and assemble them on a poster card in scattered positions. Ask the question, "Are these the things that bring joy?" Stress the time and place of the meeting. Display poster in a prominent place.

Sugested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody; Only a Touch of Thy Hand, Dear Lord; He Keeps Me Singing.*
Appropriate Poem
Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-11; John 16:24
Prayer Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Talk
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Speakers
Our Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
Period of Meditation and Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Ever since the days when the Lord Jesus Christ walked this earth, His followers have been considered as peculiar people. We know that some Christians have even been labeled as "kill-joys."

There are others within the church who feel that no true child of God can be really joyous in this world of sin and darkness. This is a great misunderstanding for the Lord Jesus Christ definitely informed His disciples that they should have His joy in them, and their joy should be full (John 15:11). The apostle Paul urges us again and again to rejoice (Philippians 2:17,18; 3:1; 4:4).

When once we learn to appreciate the value of the spiritual treasures we have in Jesus Christ over against the fleeting pleasures of the world, we will understand what real joy is.

The joy of knowing God through Jesus Christ surpasses the joy that comes from any ordinary knowledge such as may be obtained through the schools or through the experiences of life.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

1. State in a few sentences why it is that there is no peace and consequently no joy for wicked men.
2. Is it so that Jesus Christ would have His people full of holy joy?
3. What would you consider to be the difference between joy and happiness?
4. Is the Christian's joy felt more in prosperity than in adversity? (Check Romans 5:3; I Peter 1:6.)
5. State several reasons why you should rejoice as a child of God.

The joy of salvation is the only joy that can take away all fear regarding our eternal destiny. The joy of adoption enables us to share in all the privileges that belong to the family of God. The joy of Christian brotherhood permits us to welcome as equals all who have believed on Jesus Christ.

The Christian can be filled with a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. But Jesus Christ had abiding joy. In all that He did there was a joy set before Him even when He went to the cross and died for the sins of humanity. The writer of Hebrews tells us, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

There are many good people who think of Jesus Christ as a sufferer through life, and that sorrow is the distinguishing characteristic of the Saviour's experience. He was called the "Man of Sorrows." But bear in mind when He entered upon His ministry the first steps He took in it were toward social joy; for after the temptation in the wilderness He went north and joined His parents, and in Cana of Galilee attended a wedding feast. The first miracle He ever performed was to help carry on a three-day social entertainment.

Do you recall how they spoke out against Him and called Him a glutton, and a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners? No such allegation as that could be made against an ascetic.

Jesus Christ said in the hour of His deepest darkness, "Peace I give you—My peace." If in the very acme and midnight of His sufferings He had so much peace that He could divide it and share it with His disciples, do you not suppose that now, a Prince of Peace, He is also a Prince of Joy?

The "Man of Sorrows" is a strange paradox, but it is a fact that this One supplies us with the sustaining principle, anticipated joy. Joy has a depth and a stillness far beyond mere merriment.

Marcus Dodds, the famous globe-trotter, once said (as nearly as we can quote from memory): "I have been in every land on which the sun shines and never have I anywhere seen a single happy, hopeful face among women where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not been preached."

It would be Christ's joy to see all these faces change. It would be Christ's joy to see all of us truly on fire for Him in the spreading of His Gospel.

The Joy of Christ

1. *It was the joy of uninterrupted co[m]munion with the Father.* Nothing mar[red] His line of communication. There was [no] sin in His life to cut off His fellowsh[ip] with the Father. We know He was face [to] face with human malice and oppositi[on]. We know that it was on the cross that H[e] cried out, "My God, why . . . ?" But do[n't] forget the motive that sustained Him, "F[or] the joy that was set before Him, He e[n]dured the cross, despising the shame."

2. *It was the joy of accomplishing H[is] Father's will.* "Then said I, lo, I come [to] do Thy will, O God." Hear Him in t[he] Garden of Gethsemane, "Father, if Th[ou] be willing, remove this cup from me; neve[r]theless not my will, but Thine be done."

3. *It was the joy of anticipating the r[e]sults of His great work.* This was the j[oy] that was set before Him. He saw the tr[a]vail of His soul and He was satisfied. Pro[b] into the depths of His inner joy and yo[u] will be able to see a redeemed family. H[is] death on the cross was not in vain.

Joy Attracts

A bigoted Chinese who never could [be] induced to attend a Christian service we[nt] to a missionary and said, "I want to he[ar] about your religion. I never have hea[rd] the words of it, but I have heard the laug[h]ter in your house and in the houses of m[y] countrymen who have embraced your fait[h] and if you have anything that makes pe[o]ple so joyous, I want it."

Your joy as a Christian is part of His jo[y]. No grouchy, sullen Christian has any infl[u]ence in the home or in the church. W[e] ought to be joyous Christians. Our gre[at] joy should be to so live that we add to t[he] joy of Jesus Christ.

1st Speaker

Cheerfulness is something that can [be] cultivated and it is the duty of all Chr[is]tians to show to the world by their happ[y] cheerful lives that Christianity is the mo[st] worthwhile thing in the world.

2nd Speaker

R. L. Stevenson said, "When a happ[y] man comes into a room it is as if anoth[er] candle had been lighted." When the spir[it] of gladness and thankfulness rules the hear[t] light springs up to dispel the darkness an[d] gloom.

3rd Speaker

Paul, the apostle, tells us, "Count it a[ll] joy when you fall into divers testings an[d] trials." Get a cheerful heart and you wi[ll] find the yoke easy and the burden light.

Our Aim

To live such a beautiful Christian lif[e] before the Lord each day that we shall ad[d] to the joy of Jesus Christ.

Life Problem

Elder Sam always said that no one ca[n] have joy unless he has turkey for dinne[r] every Sunday. Could a family have wiener[s] on Sunday and still have the joy of th[e] Lord? Was Elder Sam right or wrong?

Time Out for Meditation

Psalm 63

ior High (12-14 Years) *AUGUST 2*

*Comments by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche**

vance Notice

is meeting is planned for early morn- before breakfast, in order to have prac- in taking time out for meditation early e day. Look the plan over well ahead here will be ample time to make the essary arrangements.

ou will need Quiet Hour cards, so send these early. If you have a local Chris- Endeavor supply house, contact them. ot, send to the International Society of istian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, umbus 16, Ohio. The price is thirty-five s per dozen.

n for the Meeting

ince many Junior High young people not be members of the Quiet Hour ause they are not sure how to go about ping the covenant, this meeting is nned to give them actual practice. The eting coming in the summer also affords opportunity to do something different.

Arrange for a place where you can be doors if the weather is good, but which offers protection if the weather is not orable. A home with a large lawn might the ideal place. People will be dressed attend Sunday school and church so pro- e chairs, benches, or blankets for sitting doors.

Ask enough people, such as your pastor, th director, some teachers from the nior High department of the Sunday hool, some members of the boards of ur church, who are interested in the ritual growth of young people, to par- ipate so that there will be an adult for ery two or three Christian Endeavorers.

The Scripture recommended to be used Psalm 63. Make sure the adults know is in advance so they can make a real ort to show the young people how to ad a passage of Scripture and get the ost out of their time of meditation.

At the conclusion of the meeting, if pos- ble, serve a simple breakfast. Then every- dy goes directly to Sunday school in the irit of the meditation of the morning.

lternate Plan

In case it is not practical to have an rly morning meeting, this same plan of sking adults to counsel with two or three oung people during the first part of the eeting could be carried out, perhaps go- ng to different rooms of the church for uietness. Then assemble together in the egular place for the second part of the eeting.

irst Part of the Meeting

As people arrive, immediately send two or three with an adult off by themselves to start the time of Bible reading and prayer.

After twenty or twenty-five minutes quietly call the groups to assemble in one place and proceed with the second part of the program.

Second Part of the Meeting

Hymns: *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer, Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Hold a discussion on why we need to take time out for meditation. Use these questions to start the discussion.

1. Why do teams take time out in basketball?

2. In our busy world there are so many things to take our time. Yet we find time to do the things we want most to do. Do we want to really take time out to read the Bible and pray each day?

3. Fifteen minutes a day for observing the Quiet Hour is what portion of a day? Fifteen minutes is 1/96 of twenty-four hours, 1/48 of twelve hours and 1/32 of eight hours. Surely that portion belongs to God.

4. What is a good time of the day to take time out for meditation? In the morning, report for duty for the day.

Swing the discussion into an opportunity for testimony concerning the time spent during the first part of the meeting in the small groups.

Ask the adults to give a brief testimony of the meaning of their time of Bible reading and prayer in their own lives.

Topics (to be given by Junior Highs)

Reading God's Word (Isaiah 34:16a; II Timothy 2:15; I Thessalonians 4:11-12). We are commanded to read God's Word. If we love Him, we read His letter. We read letters written by our relatives and friends. So we should even more read God's Word.

Prayer to Be Offered to God (Psalm 5:2; Matthew 4:10). First we worship God, thanking Him for all He has done for us. Then we thank Him for the portion of Scripture we have read, and what it means to us. Lastly, we bring to Him our petitions.

Prayer to Be Offered Through Christ (Hebrews 10:19-23). Christ is our high priest and it is through Him we pray to the Father. When we have asked for our sins to be forgiven, we are brought before Him "washed with pure water" (verse 22).

God Hears (Psalm 34:4,6; Psalm 10:17; Psalm 65:1-4). God hears our prayers if we pray in faith believing. Our answers may not come right away. We may not be ready for the answer. Also, our answer may not be God's. We must trust Him to send the right answer, but we can be assured He hears.

God Answers (Isaiah 58:9a). Sometimes He answers immediately (Isaiah 65:24). Sometimes His answers are beyond expectations (Ephesians 3:20, Jeremiah 33:3).

We Need to Pray Continually (Psalm 116:2; I Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 55:16, 17). The more we pray, the more we realize the need for continued prayer.

Illustration

"A devout man and one that . . . prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2).

Stonewall Jackson, having once used the expression "instant in prayer," was asked what was his idea of its meaning. "I will give you my idea if you will not think I am setting myself up as a model. I have so fixed the habit in my own mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without a moment's asking of God's blessing. I never seal a letter without putting a word of prayer under the seal. I never take a letter from the post without sending my thoughts heavenward."

"And don't you sometimes forget this?" he was asked.

"I think I can say that I scarcely do; the habit has become almost as fixed as breathing."

Questions on the Quiet Hour

1. What is the Quiet Hour covenant? "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it the rule of my life to set apart at least fifteen minutes every day, if possible in the early morning, for quiet meditation and direct communion with God."

2. Who are Comrades of the Quiet Hour?

Those who have signed the Quiet Hour covenant and are spending at least fifteen minutes each day in Bible reading and prayer.

3. Why is fifteen minutes set as a minimum?

Because it takes at least that long to get anything from meditation. More time is usually desirable.

4. What may well be the beginning of every Quiet Hour?

To remind oneself that God is present. Say over and over, "God is here. Christ is at my side. The all-seeing, the all-powerful, the all-loving One is in this room." Realization of this is necessary to have real communion.

Closing the Meeting

Distribute the Quiet Hour cards, and then ask the pastor or adviser to conduct the last part of the meeting. He will stress the need for being faithful in keeping the covenant, pointing out the necessity of "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," as the first portion of the pledge clearly states.

Ask those who feel led to do so to sign the covenant.

After this make any announcements necessary as to breakfast and the return to the church.

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The Joy of Being a Christian

No. 2 in a Series: "A Look at Joy"

Philippians 4:4-7; Acts 13:52; Colossians 1:11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *AUGUST*

*Comments by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw**

Preparation for the Meeting

This meeting should be spontaneous and joyful. The song service should feature hymns which are brisk and filled with glad praise. Let the song leader ask for special requests, urging that each hymn chosen have in it some expression of adoration and joy.

A speaker should be selected for this meeting who is a genuinely joyful Christian. If such a person is not available in the Christian Endeavor group, then check the church membership. When the right person is found, ask him to talk on this subject: "The Secret of Christian Joy."

Helps for the Speaker

The real secret of Christian joy is to have Jesus Christ in the heart. John Wesley was a brilliant, cultured young man, a graduate of Oxford University. He felt duty bound to be a Christian and to go into the ministry, although he had no real joy or satisfaction about it. He went so far as to establish Christian societies in and around the university. These groups had such a stringent and precise program of Christian activity that in sport they were called "Methodists."

In time this program of Christian obligation became very galling to Wesley; he found no joy in it. He thought of leaving the ministry altogether. Then one night he sat in a small meeting on Aldersgate Street; it was about quarter to nine, and as he listened to a Moravian Christian expound from Luther's introduction to the Epistle to the Romans, suddenly heaven seemed to open. The gladness and glory of Christ came streaming upon Wesley. His heart was strangely warmed! "With joy he drew water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). He could say, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy" (Psalm 16:11). Christ had come into his heart, and he was a "new creature."

Importance of Abiding

The Scripture which was read tonight, John 15:1-11, emphasizes this tremendous truth, "Abide in Me." No Christian can be joyous, productive, or satisfied unless he is abiding in Christ. As the branch can produce nothing without the vine, neither can the Christian accomplish anything of enduring value without Christ. Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5b).

How does one "abide in Christ"? Simply by making himself open and available to Jesus at every moment. Upon an instant's notice he is ready to do his Lord's bidding. He makes it the business of his life to "do always those things that please Him" (John 8:29b). He is like Isaiah who said, "Here am I, Lord; send me!"

The person who is abiding in Christ does not say, "I'll go where you want me to go, Lord, the day after tomorrow." Nor does he say, "I'll be what you want me to be, Lord, if I can do it on my own terms." To abide in Christ means that one is constantly at the Saviour's disposal and, of course, this will produce a "fullness of joy."

When one is abiding in Christ, prayer becomes an unspeakable delight. Witnessing becomes normal and easy. Bible study becomes a necessity. Christian service fills one with happiness. One does not have to pray, witness, study, or serve in order to "abide in Christ." He does these things gladly because he is "abiding." This is the secret of Christian joy.

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Familiar Hymns expressing joy and praise, selected by the society members
Scripture, John 15:1-11 (Read it responsively)
Announcements and Offering
Prayer
Vocal Solo—Joy! Wonderful Joy, La Vose Wallin, composer
Message: "The Secret of Christian Joy"
Sharing time, a period in which volunteers in the society will stand and tell the others some real joy they have experienced as a Christian
Benediction

Abiding Produces Abiding Joy

A certain family had a little boy who was the pride and joy of their Christian home. Each day father and mother committed the little fellow to the Lord, asking that he be surrounded with God's protective care. One morning the father backed his car out of the garage; the little boy was in the driveway, but the father did not see him. He ran over and killed his own son!

What a crushing blow! The parents became bitter, almost; they cried, "Where was God when our only son was killed?" A very understanding Christian replied, "God was in the same place when your only son was killed that He was in when His only Son was killed!" Of course! This dear husband and wife leaned back on the Everlasting Arms, resting on this promise: "The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (I Peter 1:7,8).

They are abiding in Christ. Day by day they realize that "the joy of the Lord is their strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Day by day they pray, "Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12). Day by day they are looking "unto Him that is able to keep them from falling, and to present them faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

Sharing Time

Open this period with a few pertinent questions:

1. Do you think it is possible for a Chr tian to rejoice in the midst of sufferi tragedy, or death?

2. What does Jesus mean in John 15: when He says, "That My joy might rem in you, and that your joy might be full

3. When you received Jesus Christ your Saviour, did you experience real jo

4. Do you have that joy with you night?

Be sure and invite the group to sh with each other some joy they have expe enced as a Christian. This may prove be a thrilling moment.

Thought Stimulators

James 1:2,3: "Count it all joy when fall into divers temptations; knowing th that the trying of your faith worketh p tience."

When a Christian can be joyful throu trial, testing, and difficulty he is bless indeed. Charles Alexander, the noted g pel singer, used to tell about an old m with a bright and shining face; no mat what happened to him he seemed fil with joy. One day his thumb was bandag when asked what the problem was, he a swered, "I hit my thumb with a hamm while nailing a box together, but, praise Lord, I have my thumb yet."

On another occasion he appeared looki rather thin and hungry, but his face w radiant. When asked how everything w going he replied, "I was coming down t street tonight carrying a package of ste I spent most of my money on it. I laid t package on the sidewalk while I tied shoe; a big dog came along, snatched t package of meat and carried it off. Pra the Lord!"

"Why do you praise the Lord for that he was asked.

He answered, "I am praising the Lo because I have my appetite left."

This man could count it all joy when was being tested. Remember the Lord Jes Christ, "who for the joy that was set befo Him endured the cross, despising the shan and is set down at the right hand of t throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2b).

David said in Psalm 30:5b, "But j cometh in the morning." Anyone who wan the joy of the Lord through the day h better get it in the morning. There is not ing that can give one a deep, calm joy li 15 or 30 minutes alone with Jesus first thi in the morning. The Quiet Hour is so i portant. It is there that "joy cometh in t morning."

Martha Snell Nicholson, bent and twist with arthritis, her body encased in a ste brace, suffering from cancer and pain, us to say, "There is a singing joy in my heart She said this even after the death of h beloved husband upon whom she relied completely in her illness and weakne "There is a singing joy in my heart whi nothing can take away!" It was the joy the Lord and that joy was her strength!

A Response of Gratitude

Luke 17:11-19

nior High (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 9

*Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper**

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storical Setting

For all the appealing personality of Jesus, ne failed to show gratitude to Him. Ten ers came to Him for a manifestation of s power. They received the best that us had to offer.

Yet, after they had received the blessing Jesus, nine of the ten lepers failed to turn and give thanks for all that they had ceived. One, however, did return, and he ceived the fullest measure for his faith d gratitude.

odern Material Blessings

When we look around we can see many onderful things which come directly from e hand of God. We can also see many ings which come indirectly from the same urce. The high standard of living which e find in the Americas should influence s to do our best for the Master who makes ch a high standard possible.

The creative genius of God the Father ave man the mind to build and produce. he righteous example of Jesus the Son ave man the opportunity of following ighteous living. The spiritual leadership f the Holy Spirit gives us direction in maerial gain as well as in spiritual capacities. ll things work together that we might ave material blessings and the knowledge o use and enjoy them. Yes, the modern world has much for which we should be grateful.

Blessing of Salvation

The Bible says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Each individual has this promise. Each person has the opportunity of accepting Jesus as his personal Saviour. This blessing should not be taken lightly.

For those who have already made this decision. there is the responsibility of following the commands of God. There is the opportunity of giving thanks to Him for salvation is the gift of God. For this blessing we should give eternal thanks.

Spiritual Blessings

The dedicated believer in Christ receives many blessings which are not a part of worldly living. The knowledge of salvation brings a deep, settled peace. Fellowship with other believers brings happiness and enrichment. Hope of eternal life brings security which the world cannot give.

QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the material blessings which we receive from God?
2. What are some of the spiritual blessings which are a part of our heritage?
3. What are some of the evidences of weakness on the part of modern youth?
4. How may you work in your local situation to show gratitude to Christ?
5. What are some of the things to consider in making a decision to live a consecrated life?
6. After we have come to a decision, what are some of the first steps we can take?

Lest You Be Deceived

There is a definite danger in taking our blessings for granted. When we have a knowledge of salvation we also have an obligation and a responsibility.

Only one of the ten lepers was conscious of a need for showing gratitude. Jesus was aware of the failure of the other nine. He is also aware of our failures and will question our ingratitude. To those who are faithful and show gratitude He will say, as He said to the leper, "Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

Gratitude of Biblical Characters

Our study of the Scriptures will reveal others who, like the nine, failed to return and give thanks to God. It will also reveal many who were grateful and followed the leadership of God.

Since we pattern our lives after the Bible doctrines, we should study these points and determine our course of action by what we find. Will we be like Achan or like Jonathan? Will we be like Ananias and Sapphira or will we be like Paul? Will we follow the pattern of Judas or will we take John as our example? Will we copy from the actions of Lucifer or will we follow the teachings of Jesus?

The decision which we make will determine the outcome of our life.

Tensions Versus Gratitude

In our modern world we are overcome with speed and tensions. We often use these as an excuse to justify us in the sight of God and other people. This has a great weakness. It might justify us in the sight of others, but there can be no justification in the sight of God except to follow the teachings which He has so vividly manifested before us.

Many offer us means of overcoming our tensions, but these suggestions often are only part of the solution or no solution at all. They offer only partial relief from all that troubles us. They do, however, turn us aside from a wholesome relationship with our God.

We are not told what happened to the nine lepers who failed to return, but we are certain that they did not receive an equal reward with the tenth who did return. If we are to profit from this story we must give gratitude to the Father of mankind.

Time is no element in the realm of God. Tension is no excuse for failure to worship. Gratitude, however, will pay rich rewards today just as it did in the time of Christ and the lepers.

Gratitude in Action

To say that we are thankful is not enough. To unite with a church of our choice is not enough. To attend services is not enough. We must put our gratitude into action. We must show our gratitude by the way we live and the things we do in the church.

Certainly we should be affiliated with the church, but we must also be active in its work. Certainly we must attend the services of the church, but we must also participate in the planning and institution of the forms of worship. We must carry out the commission of Christ. We must witness to His goodness and mercy. Of course, each Christian will do this in his own way, but he will do it. He will provide a living example of Christianity in action.

This is gratitude. This is the spirit which Jesus manifested while He lived on this earth. If we are to show gratitude we can do no less.

Gratitude and Dedication

All the above things lead to a dedicated life. A life which is completely dedicated to Christ will be filled with service to Him and to the Church.

When we see an opportunity for service we must have the faith and courage to step forward and work. If we fail in this we cannot think of ourself as a dedicated Christian. If we fail in this we cannot expect the loving support of Jesus and God the Father.

Overcoming Our Weaknesses

A number of things are involved in our being able to overcome the weakness of ingratitude. First, we must consider all the blessings which come from God. We must be aware of them in our daily living.

Second, we must search for ways to overcome. After we are aware of the problem we have only started our work toward improvement. In our search we must consider different possibilities. We must weigh them in the balance of right and wrong; consider them in the light of God's pleasure or displeasure. After all, we are attempting to serve and please Him.

Third, we must decide on the basis of the facts which we have. We must weigh our actions and thoughts against the teachings of Jesus. We must compare our life with the living example which He left on the earth. When the facts are known we should abide by them in spite of the selfish desires which we have or the emotional pressure under which we find ourself.

Decide now to show gratitude by giving dedicated service to Christ and the Church.

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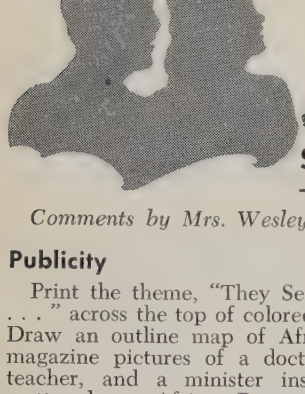

Africa

Acts 1:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *AUGUST*

*Comments by Mrs. Wesley H. Brown**

Publicity

Print the theme, "They Sent Unto Them . . . " across the top of colored poster paper. Draw an outline map of Africa and paste magazine pictures of a doctor, a nurse, a teacher, and a minister inside the map, scattered over Africa. Poster should include time and place of meeting and the word "Africa" on the map.

Planning the Meeting

Assign to two young people the African Tour dialogue and two of the missionary parts to read. You will need a leader and two others to complete the missionary staff.

Comments by Leader: (to follow Scripture)

In this Scripture we see the New Testament plan for missions. In the beginning they went abroad, preaching the Gospel. Hearts came to Christ and a whole city was filled with joy. When the home church, at Jerusalem, heard what had happened, they sent unto them Peter and John. In modern language we would say, "The home church sent reinforcements to the mission field." Today in Africa the Word of God has been preached and hearts have been won. Where are the reinforcements? Perhaps some of them are in this room right now.

African Tour

Introduction by Leader: What do you know about Africa? Can you picture only wild animals, dances around campfires, or terrible heat? To see the new Africa we must take a tour.

Traveler #1: Africa is an immense continent, larger than the largest state in the United States.

Traveler #2: As you travel you may be surprised, my friend. Africa is four times larger than the United States.

Traveler #1: Well, I know that Africa has tropical forests and terrible hot weather.

Traveler #2: Yes, that's true. But most of Africa is covered by desert or grassland. And there are mountain regions where the ground freezes and snow falls.

Traveler #1: Are there many white people in Africa today?

Traveler #2: There are about three million white faces as compared to two hundred and five million black and brown faces.

Traveler #1: I have always heard about the animals in Africa. Surely we will see some game.

Traveler #2: You can always find animals in Africa, but often you must travel far to do it. Missionaries have lived for years in Africa, seeing only monkeys, birds, insects and snakes.

Traveler #1: What about African governments? Do the people govern themselves?

Traveler #2: Ghana is the newest democracy in Africa. Surely you have heard its name. There are African countries which have been free for years, but many are not independent. Africa is ready for change, ready to agitate for freedom.

Traveler #1: But is Africa ready for the Christian message?

Traveler #2: Yes, as never before. But we must take our opportunity or the Moslem or Communist world will reach them first. Someone must fill Africa's need. Will it be Christ? Listen to Africa's missionaries.

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: **Give of Your Best to the Master**
Call to Worship: Matthew 28:18-20
Hymn: **I Love to Tell the Story**
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Scripture Lesson: Acts 8:1-8,14
Comments by Leader (see below)
Prayer for World-Wide Missions
Hymn: **In Christ There Is No East or West**
African Tour
The Missionary Speaks
Hymn: **We've a Story to Tell to the Nations**
Benediction

The Missionary Speaks

Missionary Doctor: I have been in Africa for nearly ten years. You ask me what we need and I can only answer, "Everything!" Our people need a knowledge of agriculture to prevent hundreds of deaths from hunger. We need hospitals and doctors. I am the only doctor for four mission stations and they are two hundred miles apart. As I operate in one hospital, I am haunted by the fact that somewhere in my field people are dying and I cannot be there. I travel an area the size of the state of Massachusetts with thousands of people. We need medicine and equipment, but above all, send us doctors and we will save countless lives.

Missionary Teacher: I am a missionary teacher with seven thousand students in my school. They are my responsibility even though they are taught by African teachers. Why? Because I write their school books, build their schools, and teach their teachers to teach. Africans want to go to school. Every year we have six hundred students ready for high school and only two hundred and fifty of them can enter our station school. Just yesterday we had to send away over three hundred students who had passed their exams. One boy sat on the school steps, stunned and unbelieving, "But I want to be a doctor. How can I be a doctor without the chance to finish school?" Many villages, which know nothing of Christ, [illegible] us for teachers and schools. Often we [illegible] forced to turn them down because we [illegible] not have enough missionaries to train A[illegible] can teachers. The Africa of tomorrow ne[illegible] Christian schools. The boy sitting on [illegible] steps needs a teacher. Will you send th[illegible] to us?

Missionary Nurse: I have been a nurse [illegible] Africa for eighteen years, and I have s[illegible] much sorrow. It is three o'clock in t[illegible] morning. An hour ago they brought m[illegible] young boy who was dying from a sn[illegible] bite. So often they bring them in too la[illegible] after the witch doctor has failed. O[illegible] more I had to sit by helplessly and wat[illegible] a child die. I could have saved him fo[illegible] hours ago.

It is not always like that. I can reme[illegible]ber one night, years ago, when I was awa[illegible]ened by a knock at the door. There sto[illegible] a young mother, holding a newborn ba[illegible] in her arms. She had walked over a n[illegible] to find me. The old women in the villa[illegible] had insisted that the baby was dying [illegible] cause of an evil spirit and were prepar[illegible] to leave him in the forest to die. It wa[illegible] hopeless case. But the mother had s[illegible] faith that I made an incubator and fed [illegible] baby with an eye-dropper. Then we sto[illegible] by and watched God work a modern-d[illegible] miracle. That famous baby is in our sch[illegible] today, a Christian. The people of Afri[illegible] ask me every day, "Why don't y[illegible] churches send more nurses?"

Missionary Evangelist: I have sixte[illegible] churches and several villages to visit t[illegible] week. How can I show you the hopele[illegible]ness of men without Christ? These peo[illegible] live with fear; fear of the witch doctor, [illegible] evil spirits, of death. I preached the st[illegible] of Christ in one village for the first tin[illegible] They were amazed to hear that God lov[illegible] them and begged for a teacher to come a[illegible] stay. At the edge of that village I fou[illegible] a path. The Africans tell me that no o[illegible] has ever walked down that path to t[illegible] them of Jesus and His love. We do n[illegible] know how many men and women wait [illegible] the end of that path for someone to co[illegible] with a message of hope and salvation. Se[illegible] us young men and women to walk dow[illegible] that path with the Gospel of Christ.

Closing

This is Africa today—a land full of nee[illegible] and possibility. Have you asked God wh[illegible] He wants you to do with your life? Th[illegible] is the hour for the home church to con[illegible] alive once more, to send unto them t[illegible] missionaries they so badly need. When G[illegible] speaks to your heart, will you say, "He[illegible] am I, Lord. Send me"?

Many program helps on the mission stud[illegible] of Africa are available through the Internation[illegible] Society of Christian Endeavor, including rea[illegible]ing books, study guides, maps, filmstrips, an[illegible] plays. Write for the descriptive leaflet listi[illegible] these items.

Africa

Acts 1:8

ior High (12-14 Years) *AUGUST 16*

*ments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole**

tance Preparation

ich program material is available and been compiled in a descriptive folder h you can receive for the asking from national Christian Endeavor headquar- 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, . From this folder you can order some l aids such as maps, filmstrips, a play, ay material, etc., which will help in ing a desire on the part of your group arn more of Africa and its peoples in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

the Scene

nd a good outdoor spot where you can some Boy Scouts from your group are a grass and twig shelter and a pfire nearby. Set a time to assemble at lace not too far from the spot. Have group walk to the campfire location as gh they were on an African safari. e an advance guard to warn of any gers. When you arrive at the meeting e have the leader take his place under lean-to shelter and the group sit around campfire for the discussion. (If an out- r spot is not available, fix your meeting n appropriately. You can have the p sit on the floor around a make- eve fire.)

olicizing the Meeting

Prepare a huge poster with clippings n current newspapers and magazines ut Africa. You will find lots of them. IE, NEWSWEEK, and LIFE will be ticularly helpful. Head the poster ontiers of Democracy Mean New Op- tunity for Christian Witness." On the tom place the information regarding time l place of the meeting, calling it "Safari Africa."

e Discussion

The following list of books from your rary will give you excellent information supplement this material: "Report on rica," O. C. Meeker (Scribners); "Mc- y's Guide to Africa," J. I. Touchette (Mc- y); "Jungles Ahead," E. D. Horner riendship).

-Jungles in Africa

There are many jungles in Africa. When think of Africa we perhaps think first all of the deep jungle country, some of ich has never been seen by civilized man, eming with wild life, both animal and man.

Next there is the jungle of sand in the st stretches of the Sahara and lesser des- ts, where very little vegetation or animal e may survive, save in the sparse green eas which are few and far between. This the jungle where nomadic tribes travel from place to place, eking out their existence.

Finally a third type of jungle is representative of Africa—the jungle of the large cities, where man has brought his so-called "high" civilization, and yet with all the modern architecture and conveniences, there is still a vast jungle of sin and ignorance.

Even today there are large sections of Africa with the people as primitive as they have been for many, many hundreds of years. As Christians, with the message of Christ's salvation, we have a responsibility to these still primitive peoples, as well as to their "civilized" countrymen. All must have an opportunity to hear Christ's message and claim Him as Saviour.

II—Peoples of Africa

It is believed that parts of Africa had high civilization thousands of years ago but in the meantime European culture developed and surpassed them, leaving Africa far behind. European man then came to "civilize" Africa (not a true Christian man, to be sure), despising Africa and Africans. He had much information about the animals in Africa, less about vegetation in Africa, but very little about the people of Africa. Meantime, the African native appeased and invoked the gods he worshipped with endless fetishes and images of wood and clay, knowing that in order to get through his day he was in constant need of support from a power greater than himself. Here you can see that the African is and always has been ready to receive the glorious Gospel of Christ.

Let's review the various types of nationalities which make up the peoples of Africa. There are two broad groups of people in Africa—the Negroid and the non-Negroid. The Negroids are either "true" Negroes or else just resemble the true Negroes. Their characteristics are dark skin, woolly black hair, broad noses and thick lips. These Negroids occupy most of the land south of the Sahara and are divided into four classifications: Bantus, Guinea and Sudanese Negroes, primitive groups (Bushmen, Hottentots, and pygmies), and a mixture of Negroes and Hamites.

The non-Negroid peoples include Hamites and Semites, or modern Ethiopians and Arabs, assumed to be descendants of the sons of Noah (Ham and Shem) and Europeans, the largest groups living in Union of South Africa, although some live in Southern Rhodesia and Kenya as well as scattered groups throughout all the continent. In North Africa there are many French and Italian settlers in and near the seaports along the coast.

III—Problems in Africa

Language—Although the Negroid languages belong to the same general family, there are 250 dialects each making up 15 of these families. There was no written language in Africa until missionaries in recent times invented an alphabet to express the sounds of the language. By this means the Bible was translated and written so it can be understood by most African tribes. There are Semitic and Hamitic languages in the north, as well as a strange speech of clicking sounds used by the Bushmen and Hottentots. A trade language has been devised for commercial use, but for the most part language makes a big barrier for the progress of African culture.

Needed—New Maps—Thirty-five years ago Liberia and Ethiopia were the only independent states in Africa. Today there are eight more—Egypt, the Sudan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Union of South Africa, Ghana, and Guinea; four more are scheduled for independence by 1960—the Cameroons, Togoland, Somalia and Nigeria. "Freedom" and "Africa for the Africans" have been the cries. The African should govern himself, but in many cases he bites off more than he can chew because he is not ready economically and socially, or is not educated enough to do the job well. Thus we now read constantly of riots and uprisings in the Congo, Nyasaland, Algeria, and in the past few years of the Mau-Mau in Kenya.

Other Problems—Africa is faced with many perplexing problems such as inadequate education (the systems they do have, have been largely the result of missionary enterprise), lack of proper transportation facilities, and racial problems, especially in South Africa where the white man has taken the attitude that he is "supreme."

IV—God's Word and Africa

The most important consideration that we should think about is what the Lord tells us in His Word about those who know Him not, and are in need of physical as well as spiritual help. Read the passage in Matthew 25:31-46, keeping in mind the challenge Africa presents to us.

V—Africa and Junior Highs

1. Is there a need for missionaries to go to Africa today?

There is always need for missionaries of the Cross to proclaim Christ's love wherever sin and ignorance exist. This is surely as true in Africa as anywhere else in the world.

2. Should I as a teen-ager consider Africa as a mission field?

If you are sure the Lord wants you as his representative in Africa (and He will reveal it to you provided you are living close to Him), then you should certainly go to Africa as a missionary.

3. Is there a need for Christians of other professions and jobs in Africa?

There is a great need for dedicated Christians in government jobs. If all the people who represented our country abroad in years gone by had been true Christians, many problems in international relations as well as Communism and the like would not have occurred.

Check the Senior-Young People's topic for August 16 for additional background material on the study of Africa.

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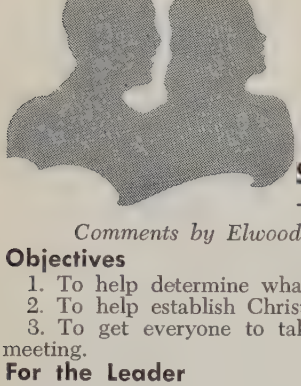

Does "Easy" Do It?

John 8:29; I Timothy 4:12; II Corinthians 10:5

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *AUGUST*

*Comments by Elwood Dunn**

Objectives

1. To help determine what is cheating.
2. To help establish Christian habits.
3. To get everyone to take part in the meeting.

For the Leader

Method of presentation of the lesson is by discussion.

The leader gets set by:

1. Praying for God's guidance in preparing and presenting the lesson.
2. Reading all the lesson material at least a week in advance.
3. Carefully studying the scriptural references.
4. Looking for examples of the lesson in everyday experiences.
5. Giving thought to the best arrangment of the meeting room for this lesson. A circle? Around a table?
6. Getting materials ready. Duplicate the "life situations" section of the lesson so that everyone has a copy.
7. Preparing for a good discussion by:
   a. Having a list of stimulating questions.
   b. Having extra questions so that if one fails to strike fire another question will be ready for use.
   c. Wording the questions carefully so they will arouse thought and comment.
   d. Working out a time schedule.
   e. Having in mind the final objectives of the lesson, the conclusions that he wants the group to reach.

Lesson Procedure

1. The leader distributes copies of the "life situations."
2. The leader briefly sets the stage for discussing the subject.
3. Ask various ones for a brief resume of the "life situations."
4. Discussion of the "situations."
5. By discussion formulate the Christian principles that govern youth action where cheating is a possibility.

Topic Introduction

Our lesson is entitled, "Does Easy Do It?" It is based on the all-too-common idea that everyone should take the easy way to gain his objectives. We are to think particularly of cheating as one of the ways that people use to easily reach their goals.

Soon school will start and there will be both opportunities and temptation to cheat. In the long run, does easy do it?

There are other areas where cheating is possible. The "life situations" in the lesson will indicate some of them. Several of you will be asked to relate briefly in your own words one of these incidents from the lesson material. Then we will discuss the stories and everyone will be able to take part in the discussion. Here we go with the number one story.

Life Situations

Joe argues that the purpose of an examination is to teach. Therefore, it is better teaching if he can get the answer. Joe then says that it is not important how he gets the answer since in arriving at it he has served the purpose of the examination when he knows the answer, even if he copied it. Is Joe wrong? If so, how? Do you agree with Joe? If so, why? How would Jesus react?

Laura has trouble with her history. She has discovered that if she has one small clue all the facts come to her quickly. Laura says she really knows the material and that it's just a matter of getting started. So why shouldn't she, at exam time, have a series of prompting words written on a small card or on her cuff? After all, it isn't as if she didn't know at all. Is Laura wrong? What, if anything, is wrong with her reasoning?

Tom is a star football player. He is, like all the other players, on a careful diet. Tom is very fond of pastry. He says he cannot see any effect on his athletic ability. Should he eat pastry? Where is he being disloyal? To himself? To the school? Is he disloyal to God by not keeping a commitment?

Much praise and honor was bestowed upon certain people for their gifts to the church to which they belonged. A man and his wife decided to make a gift to the church. It was a substantial one. They said that the money represented all they had received from the sale of a piece of property. It developed that they had actually received more for the land than they reported or had given to the church. Were they cheaters? What was really wrong? See Acts 5:1-11 for the entire story.

Oscar is a hot-rodder. At the foot of the hill at his street is a stop sign and the street he is about to cross has a minimum of traffic on it. So Oscar just slows up a bit before he crosses. Is he cheating?

Judy can't make up her mind between Tad and Tony. So she goes out with Tad on Saturday night and pleads a headache for Sunday but has a date with Tony. Who is really harmed? Is it cheating?

Jesus and the Pharisees

The Pharisees, as a class, were widely respected by the people of their day. They were students of the Old Testament and pretended a high level of morality. They regarded themselves as protectors of the Jewish religion. When they spoke the people listened.

Jesus pronounced woes upon them in one of His discourses. He talked about t practice of tithing. He said that the they tithed their mint, rue and other ga herbs was what they should have d These were herbs that were used in sea ing food. A large family would only u comparatively small quantity from one ga ing season to the next. In order to t such items it would almost be neces to count the leaves on a bush—nine for Pharisee and one for the Lord, coun over and over.

Jesus asked about judgment and lov God. Were these to be overlooked as s Pharisees continually did or should ju ment and love be a part of the Christi life?

Did the Pharisees cheat? Does every cheat who fails to take into account t total commandments of God? Does regard all who do cheat in the same as Jesus looked upon the Pharisees? may study this passage more by rea Luke 12:37-44. Does easy do it? Were Pharisees taking the easy way out by tithing the unimportant and the inexpens

A Look at Standards

The title of this lesson suggests that "easy" way sometimes is or may lea cheating. All of this implies standard action. To depart from the standards i say the least, cheating.

In all situations there are those char with the responsibility of setting the st ards of conduct. In the school system th are officials who set the standards of achi ment and deportment. Traffic laws are acted by the persons elected by pop vote. They are charged with making that will protect and regulate people the good of all. These elected officials and define the standards of conduct. F ure to comply brings its own punishm Because men are fallible we have co and other methods for appeal and corr ing the standards when they are inadeq or incorrect.

In our Christian faith we turn to our L and the Word for standards of cond Paul sets a high standard when he ur "Bringing into captivity every thought the obedience of Christ" (II Corinth 10:5). Is this one of the objectives goals that might be listed for the conc of Christian youth?

Look at I Timothy 4:12 for a sec principle. Here the writer urges that yo people with Timothy as a representative an example of how believers act. T Paul lists some areas for action. Watch y speech. How do you talk? Your ordin word and your conversation—are they to the standard of bringing every thou into obedience to Christ? How do belie express their charity and love? Let ot see your spirit and faith and it will be example for all. In it all God will be w you just as He was with Jesus. See J 8:29.

After all, "easy" does not do it. C loyal adherence to the standards of Ch does it.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn: **Now I Belong to Jesus**
Prayer (directed)
Hymn: **I Would Be True**
Scripture Lesson
Announcements
Offering
Special Music
Topic
Hymn: **I Need Jesus**
Benediction

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"What Lack I Yet?"

Matthew 19:16-22

ıior High (12-14 Years) *AUGUST 23*

*ıments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr.**

Aim of the Topic

o help the young people gain insight
the following truths:
"Things" which fill our lives satisfy
in needs.
"Things" which fill our lives do not
fy all our needs.
To experience the real "joy of living"
must attempt to bring into our experi-
many things we presently lack.
To experience the real "joy of living"
must bring our lives into complete con-
ation to our Heavenly Father.

as for Advertising

reate a take-off on one of the television
mercials and then present it in Sunday
ol. For example: Use a piano, organ
ape recording of background music and
ounce, "When you get up in the morn-
do you feel tired and depressed? Do
hate to face another school day? Do
lack purpose and direction? Do you
e any real joy of living?" With both mu-
nd voice increased in tempo and volume
ounce, "Then get on the ball, guy and
Don't be a square any longer. Join
gang and find out tonight what you
. Find a purpose for living. Discover
ction and advice for the road ahead.
you tonight in Christian Endeavor."

the Counselor

. Select a young person to prepare a
ing prayer of consecration. Offer to
st him.
. Check with and assist if necessary the
ng person preparing the concluding
t of the service.
. While the young people are in Buzz
ups visit each group and if necessary
nulate their thinking with thought-
voking questions.

ggestions for Topic Discussion

w to Prepare

Either one, two, or three young people
be used in presenting this topic. Read
efully and study the Scripture suggested,
atthew 19:16-22. Review the same story
told by the other Gospel writers, Mark
:17-22 and Luke 18:18-23.
Now seek God's guidance in preparing
is topic.
Read one good commentary on the story
recorded by Matthew. Try to get some
eas as to what the Rich Young Ruler was
ke. Use your imagination. Put yourself in
's place. How did he feel about things
id people?

ow to Begin

If this story was not read as the Scrip-
ıre lesson have it read at this time—Mat-
ıew 19:16-20. Please note that the lesson
to conclude at the end of the 20th verse.

If you are going to use more than one leader, the first person can acquaint the group with the type of person the Rich Young Ruler was.

He was a RULER. Therefore, he had social standing; he had aptitudes and abilities which he used constructively. He was accepted and honored by the people.

He was a RICH MAN. Therefore he lived in a fine home with many conveniences. He enjoyed the best food and clothing available. He was able to afford the luxuries of his day.

He was a RELIGIOUS MAN. Therefore, he endeavored to live by the law. He worshipped God faithfully and observed the religious rites. He obtained a certain satisfaction from his religion.

Although he enjoyed many of the good things of life he evidently was not satisfied. There was something in his life which was not complete. Some basic need had not been satisfied for he came to Jesus with the question, "Lord, what lack I yet to inherit eternal life?"

With a few brief, terse statements apply this part of the story to twentieth century life. For example: You too are able to enjoy many of the good things of life. You too experience times of depression and anxiety. You too wonder about life and what you must face in the future. When you are constantly being caught by the same temptation you also ask the question, "What do I lack?"

How to Proceed

At this point the second leader can preside.

Divide into Buzz Groups, three, four or five persons to a group. Appoint a secretary in each group. Have each group discuss two questions "What are the things which I am privileged to have, use and enjoy in life? What are some of the spiritual and personality qualities which I lack?

The following questions can be used to stimulate the thinking of the groups: Do you have any special aptitude or gift? Do you enjoy the fellowship of friends? . . . parents? What luxuries of life do you experience? Do you experience love? . . . acceptance? . . . understanding from your family?

For the second question use the following thought-provoking questions: Are you critical of others? . . . jealous of others' good fortunes? . . . unresponsive to others' needs? Are your prayers limited to self? Where are you going in life? How are you going to get there?

The leader within each group should be ready with these questions if necessary to stimulate the group to think and discuss. The responsibility of the secretary is to record the answers given.

After a suitable period of time invite the groups to assemble together again. If a blackboard is available, write the reports as the secretary from each group presents the material discussed.

Now discuss the interrelation of the two questions. How do the things we enjoy in life interfere with our spiritual maturity? To what extent do we allow television to detain us from attending the services and activities of the church? To what extent have we allowed the luxuries we enjoy to blind us to the needs of others? To what extent has our use of these luxuries created among us a feeling of superiority over those less fortunate? To what extent have we allowed an ability to do certain things well create an attitude on our part that we do not need the help of God in that certain area of life because we can handle the situation ourselves?

The Answer to the Problem

The third leader can then suggest that the answer to this perplexing problem is found in the conclusion to the story of the Rich Young Ruler. Read Matthew 19:21. It is important for the leader to point out the truth that riches in the life of the Ruler and blessings in the lives of the young people are not harmful in and of themselves. They can become detrimental to the Christian life, however, when they are allowed to stand between a person and his sincere acceptance and expression of the Christian faith.

At this point emphasize the need for a complete surrender and dedication of life and the things in life to Jesus Christ and to His way of life. Following Him is not limited to merely going the places He would go, but includes doing and saying and thinking as He would. It involves constructing one's life after the pattern of life as revealed by Jesus Christ.

How to Conclude

All or any one or combination or variation of the following suggestions can be used to bring the service to an effective conclusion. This topic lends itself very well to a consecration meeting.

At this time in the service put out all of the lights. Have a spotlight illuminating a picture of Christ. Ask the young people to look upon this picture in silence. If possible, with the use of a tape recording play some very soft organ music or have your pianist play something appropriate. Then have your best soloist sing the first two verses of *I Would Be Like Jesus.*

Following a few more brief moments of silence ask the young people to consecrate their lives anew to Jesus Christ. Then have the young person who has been selected to prepare a prayer of consecration to pray at this time. After the prayer has been prayed ask the young people to pray the same prayer. This can be done by either mimeographing the prayer or by following the leader in repeating short sections of the prayer.

It would be impressive and effective to suggest to the young people that they remain as long as they care to for meditation and that they leave whenever they desire. Remind them not to speak until they have left the meeting room.

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Worship through Our Work

Colossians 3:17; Romans 12:11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *AUGUST*

*Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder**

Aim

To consider the highest concepts of work; to survey and evaluate our own possibilities of highest achievement in life.

Publicity

Cut out of construction paper a pick and shovel to hand out as person-to-person invitations. The invitation could read, "I 'pick' you to come and help us 'dig' through our Christian Endeavor program. Some real treasures are to be found."

Preparation

As a special feature for the service have each member bring to the meeting one quotation from the Bible, and another non-biblical quotation, fable, poem, or incident to illustrate the value of work.

Suggested Program Outline

Prelude: *Work for the Night Is Coming*
Opening Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Scripture
Prayer
Hymn of Testimony: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Presentation of quotations, etc.
Offering
Announcements
Lesson Discussion
Hymn of Challenge: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Benediction

The Blessing of Work

Dr. Richard C. Cabot, outstanding medical doctor and author, in his book *What Men Live By* insists that the basic human needs are work, play, love, and worship. In the day of creation when God made man He "took the man, and put him in the Garden of Eden to dress it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find any encouragement or even an excuse for idleness. In fact, there are definite instructions against it. The Apostle Paul went so far as to say that if a man was not willing to work, he should not eat (See II Thessalonians 3:7-16; John 5:36).

Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4). Jesus enjoyed His work for He knew it was fulfillment of His purpose. So much did He put Himself into His work that He could say, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work" (John 4:34). Jesus again shows the sense of accomplishment when in His great high priestly prayer He prays, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between play and work? When does play become work, or work become play?

2. What place do purpose, motive, calling, and native ability have in choosing a life work? (This may be used as the basis of a panel discussion or forum.)

3. What should be one's primary aim in acquiring education on every level, elementary, junior high, high school, or college?

4. What makes a job worthy or unworthy of becoming one's occupation?

5. Can one have a happy life and still work at a job he doesn't like? Give reasons and illustrations of your answer. What will be the determining factors?

6. Why can Mr. X be a mechanic to the glory of God and Mr. Y, though equally as conscientious and sincere, not be? Or Mr. Y be a teacher to the glory of God and Mr. Z not be?

Motives for Work

The way in which we look at work will determine to a large measure the happiness and satisfaction we get out of life. Work can be merely a means of providing for the necessary things of human existence. It may be a means of satisfying one's vanity, of keeping up with the Joneses and Smiths. To others it may be the bridge to sensuous pleasures, and to some it may be a legitimate means of consuming time. All these are merely working for a pay check and are quite likely missing the better things in life. Life holds little of genuine joy, challenge, or satisfaction for them.

There are others who are not asking, "What is in it for me?" but are asking, "How much can I contribute to humanity through this work?" This is a higher and more rewarding motive, but it still is missing the highest mark.

The Apostle Paul says, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:3). It is only when one's efforts are put forth to the glory of God, realizing that all his abilities are given by God, that he realizes the highest satisfaction. A job becomes a means whereby he serves God and his fellow men, and work becomes a labor of love. When we reach this motivation work, no matter how difficult or monotonous, can become a satisfying experience and an act of worship.

A visitor was walking through a shop and watched two men milling small bolts. He asked the first man what he was doing and he answered, "Making bolts." When the second man was asked the same question he replied, "These are important pieces of the landing gear of large airplanes. They must be perfect, for many lives depend upon them." The second man had found purpose in his work while the first merely made bolts.

A woodworker was being commended f the fine products he produced. His custo er continued, "Sir, I understand you work for the most prominent people in a state." The woodworker promptly repli "I work for the Lord Jesus Christ and r thing but the best will do for Him. I c not who buys these pieces so long as th can be a testimony for my Lord." Th man had found the joy of serving the Lo through his craft.

When our hearts and homes become t sanctuary of the Lord even the monoto of dishwashing can be filled with praise God for His presence, blessings, and lo for those with whom we share life. Wh we have sought *first* the kingdom of G and His righteousness, then a new love a joy motivates our whole life which adds that we need to live abundantly.

To come to the realization that one's bo is the temple of the living God who dwe within him in the person of the Holy Spi (see I Corinthians 3:6-11,16,17), is to co into the area of understanding and activ making every act and thought worthy so great a presence. Only as one lives t great truth can he discover what Paul me when he said, "For me to live is Chri (Phillippians 1:21).

Life Situation

Joe worked in a tire factory among s eral hundred people, most of whom w not Christian. Joe managed to always ma a good bonus because of the quantity work he produced. Joe was a professi Christian and often tried to witness to fellow workmen. When he witnessed to t fellows on his line, they always said to ea other, "If he were really a Christian would take the stock from the rack as comes down instead of always trying to pi out only the best trays of stock." When witnessed to the trimmers they alw turned to each other, "If he were m careful in taking his work off the press we could make more bonus and would ha much less strain." When Joe witnessed his inspector, his inspector always wish it would show up more in the quality his work, which was usually just up to t minimum requirement. Joe often becam discouraged by the coldness of his fell workmen toward his efforts to win them Christ.

Why was Joe unsuccessful as a witne for Christ?

What motivation seems to dominate l working habits?

Where does genuine witnessing begin?

F aith	Christ
O n the	C alleth for thee
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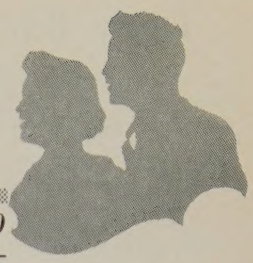
Laborers Together with Christ

I Corinthians 3:1-9



nior High (12-14 Years) *AUGUST 30*

*Comments by Roberta Carrington**

vertising

ut pictures of people working at various upations from magazines and secure a ure of Christ that can be pasted on a er. Across the top of your poster put words "Laborers Together." Then paste picture of Christ in the center with the r pictures arranged around Him. At the om give the time and place of your ting.

vance Preparation

Make nine signs, one for each of the nine " listed below. Arrange for a tripod or ndard of some sort to place these upon front of the group as each person takes t. The first sign "Preliminaries" can be position as the young people come into meeting room. Then as each person es his part, he will place his sign in front he previous one. The sponsor can place "Partners with Christ" sign in front of m all as he presents the summary.

ogram Outline

liminaries
Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service
Announcements
Scripture: I Corinthians 3:1-9
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ofits (Talk #5)
rpose (Sponsor's Summary)
rtners with Christ

ader's Introduction

"Laborers together with Christ!" What a allenge, what a privilege! While most of are not laborers, or wage-earners as we ink of the word, in the sense that we are voting at least eight hours of each day a job, we can surely be laborers with rist in a most wonderful way.

Let's see what the word "labor" means. he Encyclopedia Americana says, "Labor ay be defined as the physical or mental fort of human beings for the attainment some object other than the pleasure of e effort itself." Further on it states, "In s highest aspect labor should be regarded a privilege rather than a curse." And ill later we read that "it must be produc-ve"! This makes a big thing of a small ord.

Laborers together with Christ—where do e start? Any task is easier if we have elp, so how about forming a partnership ith Christ and then working together with im, for surely this is what the Scripture erse I Corinthians 3:9 suggests.

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AIMS

1. To emphasize the ways in which Junior Highs can be laborers with Christ.
2. To present the challenge of committing their future vocations to Him that whatever they may be led to choose may be in partnership with Him.

Talk #1 (Presentation)

Let's look again at the Encyclopedia Americana to see what it says about partnerships. We find that a partnership is "a voluntary contract between two or more legally competent persons, to place their money, effects, labor, skill or some or either of them, in lawful commerce or business."

So it takes at least two people to form a partnership. And can you picture two complete strangers who do not even know each other by name entering into a business partnership? No, first they must be introduced and find out something about each other.

Then if we are to go into partnership with Christ we must first get to know Him. How much do you know about Christ? He knows all about you! Have you opened your heart to Him, given Him full control of your life? That's how you make a "voluntary contract" with Christ, as we read about in the Encyclopedia. We also read, "one cannot against his will, or by the conduct of others, be made a partner . . . ". You see, it's up to you to decide if you wish to become a partner with Christ. You and you alone can make the decision to accept Him as your Saviour!

Talk #2 (Praise)

When two or more people form a partnership, it is usually with the hope that they will make a profit. And to do this they must get out and sell their product or service. We read ads in the papers and magazines, we hear commercials on the radio and see them on television. Everyone has a word of praise about the product of their particular interest.

How about you? Do you have a word of praise about Jesus? Has He done something real special for you this last week? Are you proud to be in partnership with Him? Let's spend a few minutes telling each other about this wonderful partner we have. (Testimony time)

Talk #3 (Prayer)

Partners in the business world talk to each other. This is very important in order that they may mutually agree upon business matters. Can you imagine two men who had formed a partnership in order to sell cars never speaking to each other? Picture the confusion as Mr. A sells the blue car to the Smiths who will pick it up tomorrow. Remember now, he doesn't tell his partner, Mr. B, about the sale, so later in the afternoon Mr. B sells the blue car to the Jones family who drive off in it right away. Things will really be popping tomorrow when the Smiths come for *their* car!

But how about us? We go into partnership with Christ, but do we really talk over the matters of everyday living with Him? Sure, when things get rough, we turn to God, but every day He wants to talk with us. Prayer is our means of conversation with God and each day should find us spending time in earnest conversation with Him.

Just now, let's bow our heads and spend a few minutes talking to God. (This can be a time of quiet meditation with a closing prayer, or a sentence prayer time.)

Talk #4 (Purse)

Going back to our Encyclopedia Americana we read " . . . the investment of capital in the business, in addition to rendering services, tends to show the relations of a partner . . . " "The capital of a firm is the sum contributed by the members for the purpose of conducting the partnership business . . . " No business is ever started without some money! Brains, labor, skill, equipment—all of these are necessary to conduct a business, but so is cash!

God's business is the greatest business you and I will ever be privileged to invest in. Remember at the very first we read that labor in its highest aspect should be regarded as a privilege. If we are to be laborers or partners with Christ, then it is our privilege to share in the financial part of the work! So as we take our offering tonight, let's feel the privilege of being partners with Christ! (Take offering)

Talk #5 (Profits)

We heard it mentioned earlier that people who form partnerships usually do so because they hope to make a profit. Again quoting from the Encyclopedia Americana, "An agreement to share profits is an element essential to partnership . . . "! Essential to a partnership in the business world—and very much a part of partnership with Christ, for we read in I Corinthians 3:8, " . . . and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." Your own reward or profit is based on your own labor or effort put into this partnership with Christ.

Sponsor's Summary (Purpose)

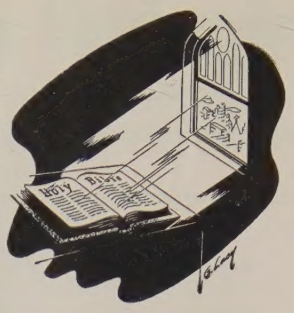
Tonight we have talked about being laborers together with God—partners with Him in the carrying out of His plan for our lives. We have found we must present or give ourselves to Christ; we must be willing to tell others about Him; we must talk with Him in prayer; we must reach into our pocketbooks for Him; and that we will share in His rewards according to our labor. These are all things that you as Junior High Christian Endeavorers can do right now. And there is another thing you can start thinking and praying about. That is the purpose of your lives.

What do you want to do with the life God has given you? Have you thought about it? Do you realize that whatever you do, you can take Christ into that job as a partner? Wherever we are, whatever we do, whether at school, play or work, we should do the best we can for God.

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for July and August, 1959. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., June 29. Power over Nature. Psalm 148:6-12.
T., June 30. Blighting the Fig Tree. Matthew 21:19.
W., July 1. Power over Death. John 11:38-44.
T., July 2. God's Power Proverbs 30:4-6.
F., July 3. Power over Distance. Matthew 8:5-13.
S., July 4. Ruling as Judge. John 5:25-27.
Sun., July 5. Topic—Power to Rule. Mark 4:35-41.

M., July 6. A Sinful Woman. Luke 7:44-50.
T., July 7. An Adulterous Woman. John 8:3-11.
W., July 8. An Impotent Man. John 5:1-14.
T., July 9. A Palsied Man. Matthew 9:2-7.
F., July 10. A Timid Woman. Luke 8:43-50.
S., July 11. Reaction to His Power. Luke 5:21-24.
Sun., July 12. Topic—Power to Forgive. Mark 2:1-12.

M., July 13. Jesus' Name Matthew 1:20-23.
T., July 14. Christ's Purpose. Matthew 19:11-14.
W., July 15. Result of God's Love. John 3:16,17.
T., July 16. Door to Salvation. John 10:7-9.
F., July 17. No Other Salvation. Acts 4:10-12.
S., July 18. The Way of Eternal Life. John 6:66-69.
Sun., July 19. Topic—Power to Save. John 11:1-4,17-27,37-45.

M., July 20. Guidance. Psalm 73:23-25.
T., July 21. I Counsel Thee. Revelation 3:17,18.
W., July 22. Value of Counsel. Proverbs 12:15,16.
T., July 23. Great in Counsel. Jeremiah 32:17-19.
F., July 24. Jesus Counsels Nicodemus. John 3:1-16.
S., July 25. Counselor from God. Isaiah 11:1,2.
Sun., July 26. Topic — Jesus — Our Counselor. Hebrews 4:14-16; Isaiah 9:6.

M., July 27. The Purpose for Punishment. Deuteronomy 8:1-6.
T., July 28. Meditate on the Past. Deuteronomy 32:7-9.
W., July 29. God's Interest. Psalm 8:3-8.
T., July 30. The Vanity of Worldliness. Haggai 1:5,6.
F., July 31. The Matchless Christ. Hebrews 12:2,3.
S., Aug. 1. The Lessons of Nature. Matthew 6:26-30.
Sun., Aug. 2. Topic—Time Out for Meditation. Psalm 63.

M., Aug. 3. David's Response. I Chronicles 29:10-19.
T., Aug. 4. Daniel's Response. Daniel 2:19-23.
W., Aug. 5. The Shepherd's Response. Luke 2:17-20.
T., Aug. 6. Paul's Response. I Timothy 1:12-14.
F., Aug. 7. A Heavenly Response. Revelation 11:15-17.
S., Aug. 8. Our Response. Hebrews 13:13-16.
Sun., Aug. 9. Topic—A Response of Gratitude. Luke 17:11-19.

M., Aug. 10. Them Also. John 17:18-23.
T., Aug. 11. All the Ends of the World. Psalm 22:25-31.
W., Aug. 12. World-Wide Commission. Matthew 28:16-20.
T., Aug. 13. The Waiting Harvest. Matthew 9:36-38.
F., Aug. 14. Go Ye. Mark 16:15-20.
S., Aug. 15. Help Us. Acts 16:6-11.
Sun., Aug. 16. Topic—Africa. Acts 1:8.

M., Aug. 17. Lack of Insight. John 3:1-10.
T., Aug. 18. Lack of Vision. Proverbs 29:18.
W., Aug. 19. Lack of Belief. Matthew 17:14-21.
T., Aug. 20. Lack of Understanding. Luke 24:25-32.
F., Aug. 21. Lack of Humility. III John 9,10.
S., Aug. 22. Lack Nothing in Christ. Philippians 4:12,13,18,19.
Sun., Aug. 23. Topic—"What Lack I Yet?" Matthew 19:16-22.

M., Aug. 24. Spiritual Laborers. Matthew 9:37,38.
T., Aug. 25. Cooperation. Exodus 17:11-13.
W., Aug. 26. Cooperate with God. Mark 16:15-20.
T., Aug. 27. Promise to Laborers. John 4:35,36.
F., Aug. 28. Unity. I Corinthians 12:14-22.
S., Aug. 29. Our Purpose. Matthew 5:14-16.
Sun., Aug. 30. Topic—Laborers Together with Christ. I Corinthians 3:1-9.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

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M., July 20. Increase of Jacob. Deuteronomy 10:21,22.
T., July 21. He Doeth Great Things. Job 5:8-17.
W., July 22. Isaiah's Praise. Isaiah 40:21-26.
T., July 23. Creation. Genesis 1:1,31.
F., July 24. I Am the Lord. Isaiah 45:5-7,12.
S., July 25. The Unknown God. Acts 17:24-28.
Sun., July 26. Topic—Look What God Has Done! Psalm 19:1-4; Matthew 6:26,28-30.

M., July 27. Divine Revelation. Luke 10:21,22.
T., July 28. Finding Lost Ones. Luke 15:4-7.
W., July 29. Witnessing. John 17:13,14.
T., July 30. Doing God's Will. John 4:28-34.
F., July 31. Christ's Purpose. John 18:36,37.
S., Aug. 1. Christ's Zeal. Acts 10:37,38.
Sun., Aug. 2. Topic—Jesus' Abiding Joy. John 15:11; 16:24.

M., Aug. 3. Joy in Church Attendance. Psalm 122:
T., Aug. 4. Joy in God's Word. Psalm
W., Aug. 5. Joy in Salvation. Isaiah 61:10,
T., Aug. 6. Joy in Correction. Job 5:17,
F., Aug. 7. Joy from Preaching. Acts 8:
S., Aug. 8. Joy of Knowing. I John
Sun., Aug. 9. Topic—The Joy of Being a Christian. Philippians 4:4-7; Acts 13:52; Colossians 1:11.

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M., Aug. 17. Reason for Honesty. Ephesians 4:21-
T., Aug. 18. God Delights in Truthfulness. Proverbs 12:17-
W., Aug. 19. Sincerity Needed. Ephesians 6:
T., Aug. 20. A Christian Is Honest Romans 13:12-
F., Aug. 21. Rewards of Dishonesty Are Va Proverbs 21:1
S., Aug. 22. Honesty in Thought. Philippians 4:6
Sun., Aug. 23. Topic—Does "Easy" Do I John 8:29; I Timothy 4:12; II Corinthians 10

M., Aug. 24. Purpose for Good Work. Matthew 5:5-
T., Aug. 25. Working as for God. Colossians 3:22-
W., Aug. 26. Labor for Christ. I Corinthians 15:
T., Aug. 27. Commendable Labor. Proverbs 31:13-
F., Aug. 28. As Servants of Christ. Ephesians 6:5
S., Aug. 29. If Any Work Not. II Thessalonians 3:10-
Sun., Aug. 30. Topic — Worship through C Work. Colossians 3:17; Romans 12:11.

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The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for JULY

July 5. Flags Tell a Story. Psalm 60:4; Psalm 20

July 12. Interesting People in Our Communi Acts 10:24-

July 19. Interesting Projects in Our Communi Acts 17:15-

July 26. How Can We Improve Our Communi Nehemiah 2:17-20; Nehemiah 4

Topics for AUGUST

Aug. 2. The Beatitudes. Matthew 5:1-

Aug. 9. The Shepherd Psalm. Psalm 2

Aug. 16. The Love Chapter. I Corinthians 1

Aug. 23. The Christmas Story. Luke 2:1-2

Aug. 30. Christmas in Summer. Luke 2:1-2

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NEWS
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...ssing business matters are these members ...e Middle Atlantic Regional Committee. ...gling is E. Herman Brackbill, vice-president ...e International Society in charge of the ...n. Others present (left to right) are: First ...–Marvin Sloane, Ronald Rosenberg, Nellie ...Griffin, Marguerite Dicus, and James ...erhoff; Second row—Phil C. Reed, Elizabeth ...rech, and Harold R. Pittman. The meeting ... held in connection with the conference ... 24-26 at Holiday West Motor Hotel. A ... attendance of nearly 200 was recorded.

...re the meeting of the Topics Committee at ...rnational Christian Endeavor Headquarters ...Columbus, Ohio, April 14-16, each member ...ked on special assignments. Jay Sheffield of ...cinnati, Ohio, new member of the committee ... year and editor of THE LOOKOUT magazine, ...shown preparing his pre-meeting material. ...ics for 1961 for Junior Highs and Senior ...ng People were determined at the meeting. ...mbers are now selecting daily Bible read... ...s for these topics.

...mbers of the Topics Committee shown at their recent meeting are ...t to right) Jay Sheffield; Rev. Paul Dunn; Wanna Sell; Robert C. Ross, ...ucational secretary of International Society; Elwood Dunn, chairman; ...s. Ralph Treadway; Albert Day; Rev. Clair E. Beatty; and Rev. Wallace ...stings.

The 44 winners in Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest represented 16 denominations, with two belonging to independent churches. Tied for the honor of having the most winners from its ranks are the Christian Churches and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., each with seven winners. The Reformed Church in America claimed five winners, with four each coming from A.M.E. and Congregational Churches. Three winners reported membership in Baptist Churches.

Roy Lawson was elected to a third term as president at the recent Oregon Convention in Astoria. Registrations outside the host union totaled 1,605 with 819 in attendance. Executive Secretary Dorothy Howes reports a very successful convention.

Christian Endeavor in Australia is the largest Protestant youth movement of its kind with a membership of approximately 50,000. The denominations which give support to Christian Endeavor are (in order of numerical strength) Methodist, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Church of England, Congregational, and Presbyterian. Rev. H. Norman Pell, national organizing secretary, reports that most of these denominations have in recent years formed committees which are making positive contributions to the development of Christian Endeavor within their respective churches.

Pauline Webster, top winner in Division A in the 1956 Citizenship Contest, attended the recent New England Regional Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is now a freshman at Eastern Nazarene College in Wollaston Park, Quincy, Massachusetts.

A special feature of the International Convention in Philadelphia will be a radio broadcast over Station WCAU on Sunday morning, July 5. Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, will be the speaker for the local "Church of the Air" program. The Philadelphia Convention Chorus, under the direction of J. Robert Ellis, will sing.

Over 200 Juniors participated in the Ontario Junior Convention on Saturday, May 9, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. Theme for the gathering was "Seek Him Early." The convention was under the direction of Agnes Wallace, Ontario Junior superintendent.

Due to political unrest in Iraq, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond E. Weiss and their daughter, Cathy Jo, have been forced to leave Baghdad, along with many other United States missionaries. The Weisses are now in Lebanon. Mr. Weiss is a former field secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union.

Photo by A. William Herzog

New York Endeavorers meeting with Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society, to discuss materials and field work advance are (seated) Evelyn R. Purdy (left) and Ruth Anne Robinson, (standing) Robert Thomas (left) and John White.

At this meeting of the Korean Christian Endeavor Committee the decision was made to issue an invitation for the 1962 World's Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Korea. Facing the camera are (left to right) S. K. Kang, secretary; T. J. Bai, chairman, and T. S. Kim, general secretary.

Japanese Endeavorers are pictured as a recent reunion meeting to renew friendships made at the high school summer devotional conferences. Rev. M. Ito of Kyoto Rakuyo Church is recalling joyous memories of the sessions. On the bulletin board are displayed photos taken at the conferences.

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